**Combined Participant Information Sheet and Consent Form for Anonymous Online Surveys for Adult Participants**

**Study Title:** Relationships and responses to unusual experiences.

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**What is the research about?**

My name is Laura Skrobinska, and I am a Trainee Clinical Psychologist conducting this research as part of my doctorate degree at the University of Southampton in the United Kingdom.

I am inviting you to participate in a study regarding relationships and responses to unusual experiences.

This study was approved by the Faculty Research Ethics Committee (FREC) at the University of Southampton (Ethics/ERGO Number: 71766).

**What will happen to me if I take part?**

This study involves completing an anonymous questionnaire which should take approximately 15 minutes of your time in total. This study has two parts:

**Part 1:**

* Having provided your consent using the tick-box below, you will first be asked to complete a number of questionnaires about yourself and your relationships. Part one will take approximately 7 minutes to complete.

**Part 2:**

* Approximately 2-5 days after completing Part 1, you will be invited to complete part 2. This will involve completing further measures, imagery tasks, and final set of measures.

Having completed the entire study, you will be debriefed and paid. Part 2 will take no longer than 7 minutes to complete.

If you are happy to complete this survey, you will need to tick (check) the box below to show your consent. As this survey is anonymous, the researcher will not be able to know whether you have participated, or what answers you provided.

**Why have I been asked to participate?**

You have been asked to take part you are a person aged 18 or above who previously reported unusual experiences/psychosis on a previous Prolific screen and confirmed that you will be willing to take part in future research.

I am aiming to recruit around 70 participants for this study.

**What information will be collected?**

The questions in this survey ask for information in relation to relationships and responses to unusual experiences. This study will collect electronic data which you will provide when completing the online questionnaires. Personal data (i.e., age, gender, ethnicity, nationality, Prolific ID) will be collected along with your answers to questions about your thoughts and feelings about relationships. No personal data such as your name, mobile phone or email addresses will be collected.

**What are the possible benefits of taking part?**

You will receive £3 upon completion of the whole study (Parts 1 and 2).

You will contribute to our understanding of relationships and responses to unusual experiences.

**Are there any risks involved?**

There are no major risks in this study; however, it is possible that you may experience transient discomfort. If you feel unable to continue your participation, you are free to withdraw at any time until completion of the study. Please note that you will receive payment only upon full completion of Part 2; as such, if you withdraw before or during Part 2, you will not be entitled to payment.

If you do feel psychological discomfort and/or distress at any point of this study, you can contact the following resources for support:

* Samaritans: <http://www.samaritans.org/how-we-can-help-you/contact-us>.
* NHS choices: <http://www.nhs.uk/pages/home.aspx>
* International mental health helplines <https://www.helpguide.org/find-help.htm>

Alternatively, I advise you to contact your GP for support.

**What will happen to the information collected?**

All information collected for this study will be stored securely on a password protected computer and backed up on a secure server. Your participation and the information we collect about you during the course of the research will be kept strictly confidential. In addition, all data will be pooled and only compiled into data summaries or summary reports. In line with the Open Science practice an anonymised data set may be made available to other researchers to check our results.

The information collected will be analysed and written up as part of the researcher’s thesis. It will be published in a journal and presented at conferences.

The University of Southampton conducts research to the highest standards of ethics and research integrity. In accordance with our Research Data Management Policy, data will be held for 10 years after the study has finished when it will be securely destroyed.

**What happens if there is a problem?**

If you have a concern about any aspect of this study, you should speak to the researchers who will do their best to answer your questions.

Research team contact details:

* Laura Skrobinska [ls2g17@soton.ac.uk](mailto:ls2g17@soton.ac.uk)
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If you are unhappy about any aspect of this study and would like to make a formal complaint, you can contact the Head of Research Integrity and Governance, University of Southampton, on the following contact details: Email: [rgoinfo@soton.ac.uk](mailto:rgoinfo@soton.ac.uk), phone: + 44 2380 595058.

Please quote the Ethics/ERGO number above. Please note that by making a complaint you might be no longer anonymous.

More information on your rights as a study participant is available via this link:

<https://www.southampton.ac.uk/about/governance/participant-information.page>

**Thank you for reading this information sheet and considering taking part in this research.**

I have read and understood information on this form, are aged 18 or over and agree to take part in this survey.