

Participant Information Sheet

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We would like to invite you to participate in this original research project. Your participation is voluntary, thus you should only participate if you want to. Before you decide whether you wish to take part, it is important for you to understand why the research is being done and what your participation will involve. Please take time to read the following information carefully, and do not hesitate to ask for further information.

You do not need a formal diagnosis of Autism, OCD or Gender Dysphoria to take part in this study. However, you must be aged 16 years or older. A control group will be used as a comparison group to those who may have these diagnoses.

This study will be comparing features of autism, gender dysphoria and OCD between different diagnostic groups. Participants will be asked to complete three questionnaires. **In total, this study should take up to 15 minutes to complete.** The questionnaires will measure Autistic traits, Obsessive and Compulsive traits, and Gender Dysphoric issues. Questionnaires will be completed online and can be completed at a location chosen by the participant but we encourage participation within your own home. **Participant information and data will be confidential**, and all information will be treated in the strictest confidence and according to legal and ethical guidelines.

We do not anticipate any disadvantages in taking part in this study. **If there are any questions you wish to not answer, you can choose to not answer it.** Although there may not be any direct benefit to you from participating in this study, we would be very grateful for your contribution. Your participation is completely voluntary and you are free to withdraw from the study at any time during data collection without giving a reason. **If you wish to withdraw from the study before completion, simply close your web browser. Your data will be anonymous, and as a result of this it will not be possible to withdraw individual research data upon completion of the study.**

If you decide to take part then please complete the consent form provided. **By signing the consent form you agree to be involved in the study.** If you would like further information or if you have any questions or concerns, please ask the researcher prior to taking part in this study. Contact details are located at the top of this page.

If this research raises any concerns or personal issues, you may contact your GP, the University Counselling Service or the Samaritans for aftercare. The contact details for this are provided below:

**University Counselling Service: Listening@bath.ac.uk or visit <http://www.bath.ac.uk/counselling/>
Samaritans: jo@samaritans.org, 116 123.**