



## **What you should know**

### **What is WMTD?**

What Makes the Difference (WMTD for short) is a European funded project looking at how we can improve outcomes for young people leaving care. The areas we feel which are important are Education, Training, Employment, Preparation and Planning and Empowerment.

### **What are we doing?**

WMTD is asking over 200 young people about their experiences of care and leaving care services. We want to talk to as many young people as possible to gather a wide range of viewpoints.

## **We want to hear about your experiences and views**

We have recruited young people who themselves have experience of the care system, to do these interviews.

Everyone will be asked a set list of questions about care services and find out what your opinions are about them.

## **What will it involve?**

If you agree to take part a peer researcher will contact you to tell you a bit more about the research and to check if you are still happy to take part.

If so they will arrange a time and place to meet you. Interviews will be arranged to take place somewhere private and quiet, which is safe and convenient for both you and the peer researcher.

The interviews will take about an hour.

If you do agree to take part, but later on change your mind, that is fine and you don't need to give any reason. You can change your mind at any point.

## What will happen to your contact details?

Only the interviewer and WMTD will know you are being interviewed. Your contact details will not be kept by the interviewer, nor will they be used for anything else besides this piece of research.

After the interviews, *Sharn* from *WMTD in London* will ring a small number of participants to ask how they felt about doing the interview (not what they said in it).

Then all contact details will be destroyed.

## What will happen to the information you give?

The information gathered from all the interviews will be put together and the main issues taken from them and used to write a report and we hope make a film.

What you say in your interview will be both **confidential** and **anonymous**. This means that no-one else will know what you have said and your name will not be used in any report or anything else we produce.

As soon as possible after the report has been written the interview questionnaires will be destroyed.

If you would like to know more, please contact

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