



Information Sheet

Thank you for expressing an interest in my research.

Should you wish to participate in my research you will be asked to answer some questions about your experiences of living with someone with Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD). This interview will last between 30minutes and 1hour and will be conducted at a location convenient to you.

This conversation will be recorded. Once finished the conversation will be fully transcribed with all identifying data removed and the original recording will be deleted. This means that all data will be completely anonymised and you will not be identifiable from anything that you have said. The anonymised transcripts will be held in a secure filing system in accordance with the Data Protection Act.

If you change your mind about participating in my study, both during or after participating, you can withdraw without needing to explain or justify your position and all data will be immediately destroyed and you will be removed from the study.

I am aware that living with someone with OCD is not always an easy experience and it is possible you may become distressed when discussing these experiences with me. I am happy and available to discuss any difficult feelings you experience as a result of this conversation both during and after the interview. I would like to reassure you that the questions being asked are broad and therefore it is up to you how much you wish to disclose about your experiences.

Should you have any concerns or questions about the research you can contact me via s.fitzgerald@surrey.ac.uk or you can contact OCD UK via admin@ocduk.org citing 'Fitzgerald Research' in the subject line.

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Ethical approval: This project has received ethical approval from the University of Surrey Faculty of Arts and Human Sciences Ethics Committee.

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