

## Participant Information Sheet

**Study title: Making meaning from MSF: In what ways do Paediatricians engage with and make use of Multi Source Feedback.**

You are being invited to take part in a research study. Before you decide, it is important for you to understand why the research is being undertaken and what will be involved. Please take time to read the following information carefully and decide if you would like to take part or not. If you would like further information or any questions, please discuss with the researcher. Thank you for reading.

### **What is the purpose of the study?**

Multi Source Feedback (MSF) is a core part of evidencing progression through Paediatric training and is mandated by the General Medical Council for the purpose of Revalidation. The stated purpose of MSF is to “identify areas of strength and development, and highlight changes you could make to improve the care or services you provide” (GMC, 2018, p.21) however we don’t have a clear understanding of the ways in which Paediatricians use the current ePaedMSF tool to achieve this. Informing this understanding will enable RCPCH to update the ePaedMSF tool to make it more efficient for it’s intended purpose.

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

RCPCH has extended an invitation to participate in this study to all doctors in training who have previously completed an MSF and all Educational Supervisors.

### **Do I have to take part?**

You do not have to take part, and participation will have no impact on your training or interaction with RCPCH. If you do choose to take part, you are entitled to withdraw your participation at any time.

### **What will happen if I choose to take part?**

If you choose to take part, we ask you to send details of which School of Paediatrics you are affiliated with and your current year of training or number of years as an Educational Supervisor. This information will be used to select a wide range of doctors from across the Four Nations with varying levels of experience. Unfortunately we will not be able to interview all doctors who apply, and we will let you know as soon as possible if you have been selected.

Doctors who are selected will be invited to attend either a focus group or individual interview with the researcher via an online video conferencing application. Results will be shared with participants at the end of the study.

### **What about confidentiality?**

Audio recordings and field notes will be anonymised so that it will be impossible to trace any contribution to you as an individual. Data will be handled in accordance with the Data Protection Act (2018). Personal data will be deleted at the end of the study, anonymised study data will be retained for up to 10 years following which all data will be deleted.

Please be advised that although researchers will take every precaution to maintain confidentiality of the data, the nature of focus groups does not allow the researchers to guarantee confidentiality. The researchers would like to remind participants to respect the privacy of your fellow participants and not share what is said within the focus groups.

General information about how the University of Cambridge uses personal data can be found at <https://www.information-compliance.admin.cam.ac.uk/data-protection/research-participant-data>.

### **Are there any risks?**

Giving honest views and sharing personal experiences may cause anxiety, distress, or cause offence to others. The quality of the study depends on participants having the confidence to express themselves honestly and you should be assured that all views will be received impartially. Doctors participating in this study who would like support with managing a distressing experience can utilise the resources available at the RCPCH webpage on help and support for doctors' wellbeing <https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/resources/where-go-help-support-doctors-wellbeing>. This webpage contains links to multiple third party organisations that provide free and impartial resources including advice and counselling.

### **Is it ethical to conduct research during the Corona virus pandemic?**

We have given careful consideration to the safety of participants and researchers involved with this study. Changes have been made including; conducting all elements of the study remotely using video conferencing software to maintain social distancing and avoid non-essential travel, and extending the time frame of the study to allow participation of clinicians without impacting on frontline NHS services.

### **What will happen to the results of the research?**

The research is being led by the researcher in conjunction with the University of Cambridge and the Royal College of Paediatric and Child Health. Elements of the study are funded by the RCPCH.

### **Ethical review of the study**

The project has been reviewed by the University of Cambridge Psychology Research Ethics Committee.

### **Contact details for further information**

If you would like further details, or to discuss any part of the study please contact:

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Thank you for your interest in the study.