

## Information about the research – Internet use for people with intellectual disabilities



My name is Vivi, I am a researcher at the Tizard Centre University of Kent.



My name is Jessie, I am helping with the research.



### **A bit about this research**

This research is about how people with intellectual disabilities use the internet and social media.

You do not have to take part in this research. This is just some information about it.

After reading, you can decide if you would like to take part or not.



### **How could this research help people?**

The internet can be really good and can help us to do many different things. Sometimes, the internet can also be risky.

This research could help people to stay safer on the internet. It could also help staff and family to better support people to use the internet.

### **Why have I been asked to take part?**

I have asked if you would like to take part because you use the internet. You might be able to help me find out more about the good and bad parts of using the internet.



You do not have to take part if you do not want to.



## What will happen?

If you decide to take part, I will talk with you in private and ask you some questions.

- We can talk in a place that you are comfortable, at a time that you are happy with.
- We can travel to meet you for the interview or we can do it online.
- This will take about half an hour, to an hour.
- I will ask you questions about how you use the internet, and what is good and bad about it.
- I will record what we talk about. This will just be a recording of your voice, and we will not record your face.
- The voice recorder will look like the one in the picture.
- You do not have to tell me anything which you do not want to, and you can stop talking to me at any time.





I will also write a letter to your GP to let them know you are taking part in the study. This is so they can support you, if you feel affected after taking part in the study.



### **'Thank You' Voucher**

If you decide to take part, as a thank you for helping us, we will give you a £10 'Love2shop' voucher.



### **What if I tell you I am being hurt or someone I know is being hurt?**

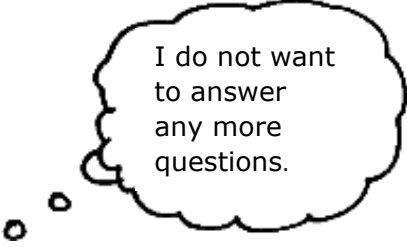
If you tell me that you or someone you know is being hurt, I will have to tell someone about it. I will tell you first if I have to do this.



### **What else should I know?**

Bad things might have happened to you on the internet. Talking about bad things that have happened could make you upset. It is important that you think about this when choosing if you want to take part or not.

If something bad has happened in the past and you get upset, you don't have to keep answering my questions.



I do not want to answer any more questions.



### **Can I leave the research?**

Yes. You can leave the research at any time, without telling us why. This is ok, and nothing bad will happen if you do this.

If you decide to leave, I will not use anything you have said. I will destroy your information so no-one will see it.

### **What will you do with my interview?**

I will listen to the recording of your interview and type it onto a computer. Then I will use your answers to make a report. Your name will not be used in the report and nobody will be able to tell that it is you.



**GDPR**

### **Your Information and Privacy**

- Researchers must follow the law when they collect information. This is to keep the information you have given us safe and private.

- This law is called General Data Protection Regulations and is known as GDPR.
- Researchers have to remove all information that can identify people – this means names, addresses, and any other information that could identify you.



If you have questions about what will happen to your information, please ask us. You can phone us or email us.

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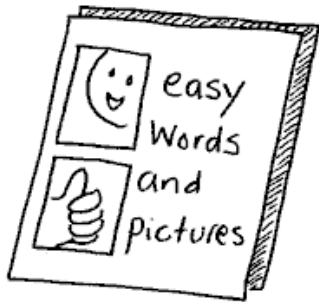
Email: [saferonlinelives@kent.ac.uk](mailto:saferonlinelives@kent.ac.uk)

This is a link to the University's Privacy notice.

<https://research.kent.ac.uk/researchservices/wp-content/uploads/sites/51/2018/05/GDPR-Privacy-Notice-Research.pdf>



This might be difficult to understand, and you may want to ask someone to help you go through it.



### **What will happen when the research is finished?**

The research will be written up as a report and also put into a journal (this is like a magazine). I will also write an easy read summary, which I can send you.

### **Ethical Approval**

This research has been agreed by an ethics committee. This is a group of people who decide if the research is ok and safe.



### **If you have any questions, this is what you should do.**

If you would like to know more or have any questions about the research, you can phone us or email us.



Phone number: 01227 824784

Email: [saferonlinelives@kent.ac.uk](mailto:saferonlinelives@kent.ac.uk)

We will be happy to speak with you and tell you more before you decide whether you would like to take part or not.



### **Taking part in the research**

You are the only person who can decide if you want to say "Yes" or "No" to taking part in this survey. No-one else can tell you what to say.

If you say "No" to taking part this is okay and nothing bad will happen.

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Then we can agree on a good time and place to do the interview.



### **Taking part and not being happy**

There will be a part at the end of the survey where you can tell me about anything you were not happy with. You can also phone us or email us.



If you were unhappy with the research, you could also speak to Vivi, who is the lead researcher.

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