

Fife Crisis Services: Participant Information Sheet

You are being invited to take part in a research study into the provision of crisis services in Fife. Before you decide it is important for you to understand why the research is being done and what it will involve. Please take time to read the following information carefully and discuss it with others if you wish. Please ask if there is anything that is not clear or if you would like more information. Take time to decide whether or not you wish to take part.

Thank you for reading this.

Who will conduct the research?

Dorothy Woolley, Choose Life Development Officer (Fife)

Title of the Research

Needs assessment for crisis services in Fife

What is the aim of the research?

To find out whether existing services in Fife for people in crisis are fit for purpose, and if not, what improvements could be made.

What would I be asked to do if I took part?

- *To participate in a focus group discussion about your experiences of using crisis services and what improvements, if any, you think need to be made.*
- *To participate in an optional in-depth interview around the same topic.*

Preferably the focus group and the interview will be recorded to make it easier for the researcher to analyse the information given at a later date, however this is not essential.

What happens to the data collected?

The information obtained from the focus group and the interview will be analysed along with that from other groups and interviews to create a picture of people's opinions about crisis services in Fife. This will be collated into a report and the information will be used to further develop services.

How is confidentiality maintained?

All recordings and notes taken will be stored in a locked cabinet in the researcher's office. All identifying information will be removed when the data is analysed.

What happens if I do not want to take part or if I change my mind?

It is up to you to decide whether or not to take part. If you do decide to take part you will be given this information sheet to keep and be asked to sign a consent form. If you decide to take part you are still free to withdraw at any time without giving a reason and without detriment to yourself.

What is the duration of the research?

The focus group will last approximately an hour and a half. The interview will last approximately 45 minutes.

Where will the research be conducted?

Provide details of the location.

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