



## **VOTING PAD (CLICKER) PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET**

As you came in, you will have received a voting pad (clicker) that looks like the picture above. This information sheet explains why you were given this and what we intend to do with the answers we receive.

### **PROJECT TITLE**

**Celebrating Your Contribution to Scottish Cohort Studies**

### **INVITATION**

You are invited to take part in some interactive clicker questions at this event.

The event is being run by researchers in Psychology and Psychiatry at the University of Edinburgh, in association with Lothian Birth Cohort, Generation Scotland, Aberdeen Children of the 1950s, Theirworld Edinburgh Birth Cohort and other psychiatry cohorts in Edinburgh.

The main contact person is Dr Iona Beange (iona.beange@ed.ac.uk), Knowledge Exchange Officer at the Centre for Cognitive Ageing and Cognitive Epidemiology (CCACE), Department of Psychology, University of Edinburgh, under the supervision of Professor Andrew McIntosh (andrew.mcintosh@ed.ac.uk), Director of CCACE.

This project has been approved by the Psychology Research Ethics Committee

### **WHAT WILL HAPPEN**

During or after each researcher's talk, there will be a multiple-choice voting questions (A list of the questions is included in this pack). If you wish to contribute your opinion, you may press the corresponding number on your voting pad when instructed by the presenter.

You can only select one answer. If you press the wrong button, and the vote is still open, then simply press the correct button to change your answer. Once the vote is closed and the results are revealed, you will not be able to change your answer.

In the first question, we will ask you which cohort you are part of (there will also be an option to say that you are a guest/not part of a cohort).

We will use the answer to this question to track how the different groups/cohorts respond to the different questions (i.e. do most of the Lothian birth Cohort answer option A, while most of Generation Scotland answer B).

We will have no way of identifying or tracking individuals. All voting pads will be given out at random, so the only information we will have is from the answer you give to Question 1 (i.e. which cohort you belong to).

**If you do not wish to reveal which cohort you are part of, please select option 8 = I'd rather not say).** We will then have absolutely no identifying information on you, and you can continue to vote in the rest of the questions completely and utterly anonymously. (

If you do not wish to take part in the voting activities at all, simply put your clicker somewhere safe until the end of the event, or hand it back to one of the stewards.

### **TIME COMMITMENT**

All of the voting questions will take place during the cohort event on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2pm-5pm.

### **PARTICIPANTS' RIGHTS**

You may decide to stop being a part of this activity at any time, without explanation.

If you would rather not give an answer to a particular question, simply do not press any buttons during the voting period. No vote will then be cast for that question, and you can decide afresh whether or not to vote in the next question.

If you have already voted in several questions, but would like to withdraw your data, please inform one of the stewards of the number that is written on your keypad or email [iona.beange@ed.ac.uk](mailto:iona.beange@ed.ac.uk) with the number on your keypad, and all your information will be removed from our database.

### **BENEFITS AND RISKS**

There are no known benefits or risks for you in this study.

### **COST, REIMBURSEMENT AND COMPENSATION**

Your participation in this study is voluntary.

### **CONFIDENTIALITY/ANONYMITY**

The data we collect will not contain any personal information about you except which cohort you belong to (as described above).

The findings may be published in academic journals or summarised in other public articles. The raw data collected may be made available to other researchers or via accessible data repositories. It may be used for novel purposes.

### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**

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If you want to find out about the final results of this exercise, you should leave your contact details using the 'Contact Form' in your delegate pack (put it in one of the boxes on your way out, or hand it to a steward. Alternatively, you can email [iona.beange@ed.ac.uk](mailto:iona.beange@ed.ac.uk)

If you have questions about your rights or you have any other questions, concerns, suggestions, or complaints that you do not feel can be addressed by the researcher, please contact the Convener of the PPLS Psychology Research Ethics committee ([psych.ethics@ed.ac.uk](mailto:psych.ethics@ed.ac.uk)).