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## Project Information Sheet

**Project Title:** Exploring the medium- and long-term effect of the depiction of young children on broadcast and social media

**Introduction:** We are legal researchers based at the Centre for Information Rights which is part of the Department of Law at the University of Winchester. We are inviting you and your child to take part in this project to investigate the effect on young people of being involved at a young age in reality television programmes.

*Before you and your child decide to participate, it is important you understand what the project involves and what you and your child will be asked to do. So, please take time to read the following information and ask if anything is unclear.*

**Purpose of the project:** The purpose of the project is to find out how you and your child feel about your participation in a reality television programme. For example, we are interested in knowing more about the information you were given at the time, whether you benefited from the experience, and how you feel now about your privacy and about any comments that were made on social media. Ultimately, this research may be published in an article or report.

**Participation:** Taking part in the study is entirely voluntary and you and your child are free to withdraw at any time without giving a reason and without penalty or disadvantage. You and your child are free to decline to answer particular questions. You can ask for your information to be removed from the project for a period of 3 months from the interview, unless it is no longer practical to do so (for example we have already written up the report).

**Procedure:** If you and your child decide to participate in the study, you will be invited to participate in a face-to-face interview with the research team at a location of your choice. This interview is likely to last between 1 and 2 hours. You can decide whether you are happy to have separate interviews or whether you and your child would prefer to have a joint interview. We do not expect there to be any risks associated with the interviews. We will take written notes during the interview and will ask for your consent to make a digital

audio recording.

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**Confidentiality:** The records of this study will be kept confidential.

Electronic copies of the written notes and the digital audio recordings will be stored in a password-protected file in a password protected part of the researchers' online storage behind the University's firewall. Any hard copy notes that are retained will be stored in a secure cabinet on University premises. We will not include any information in any report we may publish that would make it possible to identify you or your child. We may wish to give other academic researchers outside this team access to your interview notes but they will not be given your identity.

**Working with children:** All team members have current and relevant criminal records disclosure certificates, which we can produce if you wish to see them.

**Expenses:** If you incur any expenses as a result of participating in the project (for example travel expenses), you will be reimbursed.

**Contact for Further Information:** You have the right to ask questions about this research study and to have those questions answered before, during or after the research. If you have any further questions about the study, at any time feel free to contact the Principal Investigator, Dr Emma Nottingham, at [Emma.Nottingham@winchester.ac.uk](mailto:Emma.Nottingham@winchester.ac.uk). If you like, a summary of the results of the study can be sent to you.

**Who has approved the project?** The project has been approved by the University's Ethics Committee process (reference: RKEEC16013).

**What if something goes wrong?** If you feel there is something wrong about the study, you can contact either the Principal Investigator, or the Chair of the University Ethics Committee by emailing [ethics1@winchester.ac.uk](mailto:ethics1@winchester.ac.uk).

**Consent:** Your signature on the consent form indicates that you have decided to participate and to allow your child to participate as a research subject for this study, and that you have read and understood the information provided above. You will be given a signed and dated copy of the consent form to keep, along with a copy of this information sheet.