

CONSENT FORM FOR PARTICIPANTS IN RESEARCH PROJECTS



Please complete this form after you have read the Information Sheet and/or listened to an explanation about the research

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| Title of Study: Are knowledge and behaviours related to food purchase, storage and cooking in the domestic context affected by the current cost of living crisis? A Focus Group Discussion Study. | |
| Ethical review reference number: MRM-24/25-51498 | Version number: 2 09/10/2025 |
| | Tick or initial |
| 1. I confirm that I have read and understood the information sheet dated Version 1 (09/10/2025) for the above project. I have had the opportunity to consider the information and asked questions which have been answered to my satisfaction. | |
| 2. I voluntarily consent to participate in this project which includes a demographic survey and an online focus group discussion. I understand that I can choose not to take part or withdraw at any time during the focus group discussion without providing a reason. | |
| 3. I acknowledge that withdrawal of my data is only possible before data collection is starts. After this point, I understand that my responses will be anonymised and processed, making them impossible to identify or remove. | |
| 4. I understand my personal information will be processed for the purposes explained to me in the Information Sheet. I understand that such information will be handled under the terms of UK data protection law, including the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018. | |
| 5. I understand that my information may be subject to review by responsible individuals from the College for monitoring and audit purposes. | |
| 6. I understand that confidentiality and anonymity will be maintained, and it will not be possible to identify me in any research outputs. | |
| 7. I consent to my participation in the research being audio recorded. | |
| 8. I agree to my data being shared with a third-party transcriber who will have signed a confidentiality agreement. | |
| 9. I understand that the findings of this study will be shared with Safefood as the project funder. However, my contributions will not be identifiable in any of these outputs | |
| 10. I agree that the research team can archive my anonymous data and this anonymous data can be used for future research projects. | |
| 11. I agree that my focus group discussion quotations may be used in project outputs, including reports, conferences, and scientific publications and dissemination activities of this project. However, I understand that my identity will remain confidential, and I will not be identifiable in any research outputs. | |

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| 12. I agree that the research team can archive my anonymous data for future research projects. | |
| 13. I understand that I am free to contact any of the investigators to seek further clarification and information | |
| 14. I have carefully read and fully understood the points and statements of this form | |

Name of Participant

Date

Signature

Name of Researcher

Date

Signature