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**Consent Form for Focus Group Interview**

**What factors affect access, retention and graduate outcomes for students with a background of care or family estrangement?**

Professor Jacqueline Stevenson

Please initial:

I have read the information contained in the Participant Information Statement and any questions I have asked have been answered to my satisfaction previously.

I agree to participate in the above research project and give my consent freely.

I understand that the project will be conducted as described in the Participant Information Statement, a copy of which I have retained.

I understand I can withdraw from the project at any time and do not have to give any reason for withdrawing, up to one month from today

I consent to participating in a focus group, as described in the Participant Information Statement.

I consent to the focus group being recorded, on the understanding that only the researchers conducting the focus group and the transcriber will hear the recording and that I may request to modify the transcript up to 1 month after the interview.

I understand that the interview data will inform the study and I agree that de-identified excerpts from the data may be used in the final publication.

I understand that my personal information will remain confidential to the researchers.

I consent for my data to be used in research reports, papers and presentations.

**Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Please tick if you would like to review the interview transcript:

(If you do not select this option now, you can still choose to review your transcript up to 1 month after today by contacting the research team.)

Please tick if you would like to receive a copy of a Summary of the research findings and publications that arise from it:

This project has been approved by Sheffield Hallam University’s Research Ethics Committee