

## INFORMED CONSENT FORM

### 'Perceptions and Understandings of Mental Health in Kent's Sikh Communities: An EtHNogrAphic Study (PUCHNA – ਪੁੱਛਣਾ - to ask)'

**In 2 copies - 1 for participant and 1 to be kept at the University of Kent**

1. I confirm that I have read and understood the Participant Information Sheet provided about the project. I have had the opportunity to consider the information and ask questions and have had these answered satisfactorily. ☐
  
2. I understand that my participation is voluntary and that I am free to withdraw at any time, without giving a reason by contacting the research team (ar832@kent.ac.uk). The information I have provided up to that point will be included for research purposes unless I state otherwise. I understand that after the project findings have been disseminated and published, I can no longer withdraw my information. ☐
  
3. I agree to participate in the project, some of the activities will involve being photographed, filmed or audio recorded.  
I agree to participate in: *tick all that applies*
  - An interview ☐
  - A focus group/group discussion ☐
  - I consent to providing documents related to mental health that will be photocopied for the purpose of document analysis ☐
  
4. I understand that, where possible, the information I provide will be pseudonymised before it is used in outputs (website, social media, publications, booklets, etc). That means that my real name will be removed from certain data (for instance, my quotes in an interview) and another common first name will be assigned to quotes. ☐
  
5. I understand that I will be recognisable in the photographs, audio, and videos and that such data cannot be pseudonymised as with quotes. I understand that pseudonymised information, including direct quotes may be used in publications such as podcasts, short-form videos, social media posts and journal articles. ☐
  
6. I agree that the data collected in this project will be archived for a period of ten (10) years, for future re-use and for secondary analysis (in, for instance, student projects). I agree to allow these data to be used for such future research projects and I give permission for researchers to have access to my pseudonymised responses for a period of up to ten (10) years. ☐

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_