

**Consent Form for Participants (version 1, dated 08 Dec 2018)**
**Title of Study: Focus Group on Smartphone Data Use CW02**

Thank you for your interest in taking part in this research. Please complete this form after you have read the Information Sheet. You will be given a copy of this Consent Form.

With my signature below, I certify that I have read the attached document "Information Sheet (version 1, dated 08 Dec 2018)" (Focus Group on Smartphone Data Use CW02) and am well informed about the motivation and procedure of this research experiment on "Focus Group on Smartphone Data Use".

Please initial box to confirm consent		
1.	I confirm that I have read the information sheet dated 08 Dec 2018 (version 1) for the above named study, I have had the opportunity to consider the information, ask questions and I have had any questions answered satisfactorily.	
2.	I understand that my participation is voluntary and that I am free to withdraw at any time without giving any reason, and that if I decide to withdraw, any data that I have provided up to that point will be omitted on request.	
3.	I consent to being observed, and for audio to be recorded, and to the processing of my personal information (audio recording of what I say and do) for the purposes of this research study, as described in the information sheet dated 08 Dec 2018 (version 1).	
4.	I understand that my data resulting from my participation in this experiment will be subject to anonymous scientific analysis and publication.	
5.	I agree to take part in this research project.	
<b>Participant</b>  <div> <div>Name</div> <div>Signature</div> <div>Date</div> </div>		
<b>Researcher</b>  <div> <div>Name</div> <div>Signature</div> <div>Date</div> </div>		

**Optional data:**

What is your gender?	
In which county or region do you live?	
What age group are you? (circle age group)	<div> <div>&lt;20</div> <div>20-39</div> <div>40-69</div> <div>70-89</div> <div>90+</div> </div>

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### **Who are the researchers and what is the research about?**

I am Colin Watson – a research student in Digital Civics. I am based at Open Lab, Newcastle University. This research is being conducted as coursework as part of the CSC8602 Research Methods for Digital Civics module.

In this research, I am interested in your perspectives on access to medical and wellbeing data on your phone.

### **What are we asking you to do?**

We are being ask to participate in a discussion about some imagined scenarios. I am interested in your views and opinions, based on your background and experience. We do not want to know about any of your own personal data usage or habits.

### **What are the benefits of taking part?**

You will be contributing to the researcher's coursework, and thus their assessment. You will not receive anything more than a verbal thank you.

### **What will happen on the day?**

Everyone will be given a name badge and a copy of the consent form to read and sign. The moderator will discuss what will happen and answer any questions. The moderator will ask everyone to agree some ground rules, and once everyone is happy for the group to begin will switch on the recording devices and ask the first question. You will be given the opportunity to ask questions at the end of the focus group.

### **How will data be protected?**

All your data will be treated with full confidentiality and, if published, you will not be identifiable. Electronic data will be stored encrypted.

### **How will the data be used?**

The audio from the session will be typed up (transcribed) and used for analysis in the research before writing a paper.

### **Are there any risks?**

If you have any concerns about safety, please raise them with the researcher at any time. There is no expectation of any distress in the topic being discussed. If you feel distressed as a result of participating, the details of the university's counselling service is available at <https://www.ncl.ac.uk/students/wellbeing/support/>

### **How do I withdraw my data?**

Participation is voluntary and you can withdraw from the research at any time. We will provide information about the study and give an opportunity for questions at the beginning of the session, and we will check you are okay to continue. Likewise, you can exit from the research at any time with no explanation, or you can ask us to temporarily stop recording if you wish to stop participating. If you retrospectively decide you want to withdraw from the research please contact us via email [REDACTED]

If you have any questions about this research, contact the researcher Colin Watson [REDACTED]