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TRINITY COLLEGE DUBLIN

INFORMATION SHEET FOR PARTICIPANTS

This sheet should inform participants of the following, as appropriate to the study:

- The background context of the research explaining its relevance
- The procedures relevant to the participant within this particular study
- Declarations of conflicts of interest
- The voluntary nature of participation: the right to withdraw and to omit individual responses without penalty
- The expected duration of the participant's involvement
- Anticipated risks/benefits to the participant
- The provisions for debriefing after participation
- Preservation of participant and third-party anonymity in analysis, publication and presentation of resulting data and findings
- Cautions about inadvertent discovery of illicit activities
- Provision for verifying direct quotations and their contextual appropriateness
- No audio or video recordings will be made available to anyone other than the research/research team, nor will any such recordings be replayed in any public forum or presentation of the research.

Of course, the information sheet for participants will vary with the study at hand. It should provide all information necessary for informed consent.