

TOOL D: Script for Verbal Consent

EXAMPLE OF A VERBAL CONSENT SCRIPT

Introduction:

Hello my name is [insert name]. I'm here to do some research on behalf of [insert name of organisation] here in [insert name of place] today/this week.

Purpose:

We're talking with people here to find out some information about [insert topic]. This information will help us to understand your situation better and help us develop programs to suit your needs.

Involvement:

Before I ask you some questions, I would like to confirm that your name is [insert name]?

Risk:

I would like to ask you some questions in an interview. The interview will take about [insert amount of time]. I would like to talk to you by yourself, but if you prefer to have your guardian/carer/parent to be here as well, we can do that too.

Ability to Stop:

Some of these questions might ask you things that people find quite personal or private, or that are difficult to answer. If any of the questions make you feel uncomfortable, or you don't want to answer them, you don't have to.

Information Use:

You do not have to talk about anything you do not want to. If you want to stop this interview all together, you can do that at any time. Your answers are important to our research, but the most important thing is that you are comfortable answering.

Confidentiality:

I will be asking the same set of questions to each person that I speak to. When I have finished the research, we will collect all the responses together and keep them safe. You will be able to find out the results by contacting [insert name of contact and]

Comprehension:

Do you have any questions about any of the things I have just said? Would you like me to repeat or explain anything?

Consent:

Are you happy to participate in this interview? I will record here that you [nodded/agreed] Would you like your parent/guardian/carer to stay with us while we are talking?