



Consent form

Title of research project: **A qualitative study exploring attitudes towards the use of the internet and social media in adults living with aniridia.**

School research ethics committee (SREC) reference and committee:
SMREC 22/58

Name of principal investigator: Emily Sterling

Email: sterlinger@cardiff.ac.uk

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I confirm that I have read the participant information sheet dated 31/10/2022 (version 3) for the above research project.	
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<p>I confirm that I have understood the information sheet dated 31/10/2022 (version 3) for the above research project and that I have had the opportunity to ask questions and that these have been answered satisfactorily.</p>	
<p>I understand that my participation is voluntary and I am free to withdraw at any time without giving a reason and without any adverse consequences (e.g. to medical care or legal rights, if relevant). I understand that if I withdraw, information about me that has already been obtained and anonymised may be kept by Cardiff University.</p>	
<p>I understand that data collected during the research project may be looked at by individuals from Cardiff University or from regulatory authorities, where it is relevant to my taking part in the research project. I give permission for these individuals to have access to my data.</p>	
<p>I consent to the processing of my personal information (this will include the data found within this consent form and an audio recording of the interview) for the purposes explained to me. I understand that such information will be held in accordance with all applicable data protection legislation and in strict confidence, unless disclosure is required by law or professional obligation.</p>	

<p>I understand who will have access to personal information provided, how the data will be stored and what will happen to the data at the end of the research project.</p>	
<p>I consent to being audio recorded for the purposes of the research project and I understand how it will be used in the research.</p>	
<p>I understand that anonymised excerpts and/or verbatim quotes from my interview may be used as part of the research publication.</p>	
<p>I understand that I will not be identified as a participant in this study and that Cardiff University will securely hold my personal information for a minimum of five years after the study has been completed or after publication of any findings based upon the data (whichever is later).</p>	
<p>I understand how the findings and results of the research project will be written up and published.</p>	
<p>I agree to take part in this research project.</p>	

Please indicate that you have read the information provided and consent to participating in the study using the following e- mail address: sterlinger@cardiff.ac.uk.

The principal investigator, Emily Sterling, will obtain and record your formal verbal consent to the consent clauses in this form before commencing the interview.

Name of participant (print):

Date:

Signature:

Participant Telephone Number:

Participant Email Address:

Name of person taking consent (print):

Date:

Signature:

Role of person taking consent (print):

Thank you for participating in our research.

You will be given a copy of this consent form to keep.