

**Consent Form:**
Focus Group Discussion**Chief Investigator:** Dr Sima Berendes**Co-Investigators:** Prof C. Free & S. Mounier-JackPlease **initial**
box *

1. I confirm that I have read and understand the information sheet [version *, *date*] for the above study. I have had the opportunity to consider the information, ask questions and have had these answered satisfactorily.

2. I understand that participation in this study is my choice and that I am free to withdraw at any time without giving any reason, without my medical care or legal rights being affected.

3. I consent to the focus group discussion being audio recorded.

4. I understand that I will not be personally identified as having taken part in the study, and I agree that what I say to the researcher may be included anonymously in reports about this study.

5. I understand that all information I provide will remain confidential in accordance with the Data Protection Act of 2018 and will only be used for the purposes of the study. Only the research team directly involved with the study will have access to this. If I choose to tell the researcher that I may be at risk of harm, or (for any age) if I tell the researcher that my baby/child may be at risk of harm, e.g. due to domestic violence, Prof Caroline Free, the Co-Investigator for this research study who is also a GP will contact me, and for my own/ my baby's/ child's safety she may not be able to keep this confidential.

6. I understand that relevant sections of data collected during the study, may be looked at by individuals from regulatory authorities, where it is relevant to my taking part in this research. I give permission for these individuals to have access to my records.

7. I agree to take part in the above study.

8. I will keep personal information disclosed by other participants confidential.

Name of Participant

Date

Signature

Name of researcher taking consent

Date

Signature

* Note: In case of oral consent for remotely conducted interviews, the researcher taking consent will initial the boxes and indicate "oral consent" in the participant's signature field.

When completed: One copy of this form to be filed by researcher, and one offered to participant.