

## Information for participants

### Research 'Looking back on an unintended pregnancy'

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Dear participant,

Fion conducts research about unintended pregnancies. We think it is important to improve the support and care for people with an unintended pregnancy. We would like to hear what your experiences were. How you came to a decision about your pregnancy and how you look back on this experience. We want to hear your story.

In this information letter we give information about our study. This will help you to decide if you want to participate.

Take your time to read all the information. You can discuss it with others, like friends, your parent(s) or family members. You decide whether or not you want to participate in this study. Participation is voluntary.

Do you want to participate? Then please fill in [the registration form](#). Do you have questions after reading the information about our study? Please contact one of the researchers. You can find our contact information at the end of this information letter.

#### **1. What is the aim of our study?**

Whit this study we aim to:

- I. Learn more about personal experiences with unintended pregnancy. And how people came to a decision about the pregnancy.
- II. Get more insights into how the social context is of influence on how unintended pregnancy is experienced.
- III. Improve the care and support for people with unintended pregnancies.

#### **2. Study by Fion and Radboud University**

Fion and Radboud University Nijmegen are working together in this study. The researchers at Fion are also working at Radboud University.

### **3. What are we doing in this study?**

In this study we want to interview at least 25 people. In the interview we will ask questions about how you experienced the pregnancy and how you came to a decision. We would like to know how you look back on this experience. We will talk about the role this pregnancy played in your life. And about how other people played a part in this experience.

### **4. Can you participate in this study?**

- ✓ Have you experienced an unintended pregnancy?
- ✓ Do you want to help others by sharing your story?
- ✓ Were you 18 years old or older during the pregnancy?
- ✓ Has it been at least one year since you gave birth or had an abortion?
- ✓ Is it less than 20 years ago that you gave birth or had an abortion?

If the answer to all questions is 'yes' then you can participate.

### **5. Wat do we ask of you?**

We would like to hear your story. The interview will take around 1 to 2 hours of your time. We will bring pen and paper and use it to draw a timeline with you. This timeline will include the time before, during and after the pregnancy. You can choose the location of the interview. For example at your home, at our office in Den Bosch or Houten, or at another location.

After the interview, we would like to have a short follow-up meeting with you. During this meeting we can look back on the interview. You can ask questions and add on information to your story if you want to. We might also have a few more questions we would like to ask you. You can choose if you want to meet in person or talk via phone or videocall.

When you agree, we will make audio recordings of the interview and the follow-up meeting. Your answers can never be wrong. It is all about your experiences.

We will write a report based on the interview and follow-up meeting. We will share this interview report via e-mail with you. Are you missing anything? Did we get something wrong or do you want to add information? That is no problem, we can adjust the information in the interview report. After we send you the report you have one month to read it and to let us know if you want something to be changed.

### **6. Do I get something for my participation?**

To thank you for your participation, you will receive a giftcard of 30 euro. This giftcard will be send to you by e-mail after we send you the interview report.

Did you have travel expenses? Then we will pay you back. We will reimburse the costs of second class public transport.

### **7. What are the benefits or drawbacks from participating in this study?**

We do not think that participating in this study will have benefits or drawbacks. Are you participating? Then you will help us to improve the care and support for people with an unintended pregnancy. Do you keep thinking about what you said after the interview? Please contact the interviewers.

Do you want to talk to a social worker who's knows a lot about unintended pregnancy? Then you can call: 085 483 23 50. You will be connected to a social worker at Fiom. You can also contact one of the researchers in this study. We can also connect you to a social worker at Fiom.

### **8. How do I give permission to participate in this study?**

Did you have enough time to think about the study? Are all your questions about the study answered by the reseachers? If so, we will ask you to fill in an online permission form. By filling in this form you let us know that you have read and understood the information and that you agree to participate in this study. You also agree with the [privacystatement](#) of Fiom.

### **9. I do not want to participate. What happens next?**

You choose if you want to participate in this study. Participation is voluntary. You do not want to participate? That is no problem. Do not sign anything. You do not have the tell us why you do not want to participate.

You can also stop during the interview. We will ask you if we can use the information from the interview or not. If you do not want us to use the information, we will delete it.

You can recieve help from a social worker from Fiom no matter if you participate in this study or not.

### **10. How do we handle you personal information?**

We collect and store your information in a safe way. We follow the privacy laws. Your information is given a codename. We do not use your name or any other personal information in the articles of the study. Personal information is removed from the interview report and from the drawing of the timeline. So no one can recognize you. Other people do not know that you are participating in this study. Only the researchers know your personal information.

Do you want us to remove your personal information? Please let one of the researchers know. You do not have to give a reason. When you share medical information, we will not put this in the interview report.

### **11. How are my personal data stored?**

Did you sign the permission form? Then you have given Fiom permission to collect, view and store your personal information. By participating you give us personal information, for example your name and email address.

The interview will be typed out word for word by an external partner. We have made arrangements with them so that your data is processed in a safe way. The audio recordings are deleted after we have written the interview report. We will remove your contact information after the results of this study have been publicated. This will be no later than 5 years after the start of this study.

Radboud University is also involved in this study. They do not collect or store any data. The researchers from Radboud University will have access to the interview reports and analyse sets stored at Fiom.

The data of the study (permission forms, interview reports, drawings of timelines and de analyse sets) will automatically be deleted after 10 years. When filling in the online forms on the Fiom website your IP-address is not stored.

On the permission form you can state if we can use your timeline drawing in our report. You can also state if we can share your interview report with other researchers.

### **12. Do you want to read the results of this study?**

We will write (scientific) articles about the results of our study. Do you want to read these? You can state this in the permission form. We will send the articles to you by email.

### **13. Which ethical commission assessed this study?**

The Ethical Commission Social Sciences at Radboud University has assessed and approved this study.

## **14. Is there anything else you want to know?**

The researchers are happy to answer you questions. You can call or e-mail them. Do you have a complaint about this study? Please contact Sophie Bolt, research coordinator at Fiom. All contact information is provided at the end of this letter.

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