Example Transcriber Confidentiality Agreement

An Exploration of Recovery from Bulimia Nervosa, University of London

This research is being undertaken by Alice Jackson, PhD candidate in the Department of Sociology, University of London. The purpose of the research is to explore recovery from bulimia nervosa from the point of view of former sufferers.

As a transcriber of this research, I understand that I will be hearing recordings of confidential interviews. The information on these recordings has been revealed by interviewees who agreed to participate in this research on the condition that their interviews would remain strictly confidential. I understand that I have a responsibility to honour this confidentially agreement.

I agree not to share any information on these recordings, about any party, with anyone except the Researcher of this project. Any violation of this and the terms detailed below would constitute a serious breach of ethical standards and I confirm that I will adhere to the agreement in full.

I, __________________________________________________________ agree to:

1. Keep all the research information shared with me confidential by not discussing or sharing the content of the interviews in any form or format (e.g. WAV files, CDs, transcripts) with anyone other than the Researcher.

2. Keep all research information in any form or format (e.g. WAV files, CDs, transcripts) secure while it is in my possession.

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4. After consulting with the Researcher, erase or destroy all research information in any form or format regarding this research project that is not returnable to the Researcher (e.g. CDs, information stored on my computer hard drive).

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This study has been reviewed and ethically approved by the Research and Enterprise Office (REO) at the University of London