

## **PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET**

### *Exploring Serious Violence in Nottingham City and Nottinghamshire*

Your participation is warmly welcomed in research to explore your views towards serious violence in Nottingham City and Nottinghamshire, undertaken by the Institute for Public Safety, Crime and Justice. The work has been commissioned by The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Nottinghamshire to develop and expand the evidence base in relation to serious violence, obtaining insights into the experiences of serious violence from across Nottingham City and Nottinghamshire.

This research will play a major role in supporting Nottingham City and Nottinghamshire Violence Reduction Unit and relevant organisations to better understand factors influencing serious violence to inform strategies to reduce the occurrence and harm caused. The findings of the project will be presented to Nottingham City and Nottinghamshire Violence Reduction Unit and relevant partners.

Serious violence is complex and has many associated factors shaping its nature and prevalence across different communities. The focus of the research is to explore your views, what could be done to improve how partners address issues and factors that contribute to occurrence and harm caused by serious violence.

We invite you to participate in a research interview and this learning opportunity is facilitated through your cooperation. It is estimated that interviews will last about 30-45 minutes. You can end your participation at any time, and if you do not want to finish the study; then just let the researcher know when you are ready to stop. Also, if you want to withdraw from the study following your participation, please contact one of the researchers (details below) and your contribution will be removed. The deadline for withdrawing from the project is 2 weeks from the date of your participation.

Your contribution will be anonymised at the personal level. The information given will be stored in a locked filing cabinet and audio files will be password protected. The identity of each participant (you) will be anonymised throughout the research process and in any reports produced for the police and/or partner organisations. Anything produced for an *external* audience (e.g. an academic article) will be fully anonymised (i.e. individuals, locations, specific organisations will not be named in direct quotations).

Thank you for your interest and support. If there are any queries, please contact:

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If you have any concerns about any aspect of the way you have been approached or treated during the course of this study, then please contact:

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