

Consent flowchart

Identification of sample

- Who is included?
- Who is not included (intentionally)?

Sample recruitment

How are you finding and engaging the sample?

Public recruitment

Participants 'opt in' to participation, e.g. via social media, posters, email links, etc.

Risk - who is not included (unintentionally)?

Selected recruitment

Participants are invited to participate by known intermediaries, e.g. program staff, peers, etc.

Risk – selection bias, coercion/unequal power relationships

Opt-in for information

Participants opt-in to further contact by the research team

Provided with information

Participants are provided with plain-language, accessible participant information and consent process

Participants given opportunity to discuss

Participants are given an opportunity to discuss the research and ask any questions, e.g. in-person discussion or email link in online survey

Participants provide initial consent

Initial consent is sought and recorded, e.g. written or verbal consent

Consent affirmed at start and during activity

- In-person participants reminded of opportunities to withdraw
- Survey non-completion = withdrawal of consent

Withdrawal of consent

Participants provided with reasonable steps to withdraw their information, including a deadline by which it is no longer possible.