

RESEARCH PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET

Careless infrastructures: exploring barriers to care for men who are survivors of sexual violence in the Randstad area.

Utrecht University

What is the purpose of this study?

This study explores the barriers that prevent men from accessing support for the impacts of unwanted sexual experiences. It explores how and why men are denied care and support, and the impacts this has on their well-being. It aims to uncover the range of barriers faced by men who are survivors of sexual violence in the Randstad area. The study is a collaboration between Utrecht University and Universities in the UK (the University of Brighton and the University of Loughborough) and organisations in the Netherlands. Menaswell (the only organisation in the Netherlands that supports men who are survivors) and Fonds Slachtofferhulp (a national organisation that offers victim support) are the organisations.

What will I do if I choose to be in this study?

If you decide to take part, you will be invited to an interview. The interview will last up to an hour and will be conducted in person or online using Microsoft Teams. With your permission, the audio of the interview will be recorded, and then the audio file will be transcribed. We will send your transcription to you by email to check for accuracy. Quotes from your interview will be used in the project report, academic journal article(s), and conference presentation(s).

You can choose who you would like to be interviewed by –Dr [Carl Bonner-Thompson](#), Dr [Rik Huizinga](#), Dr [Kirsty McGregor](#) or Dr [Jason Preston](#). Kirsty and Jason are colleagues in the UK, so these interviews need to be conducted online. Carl and Rik are based in the Netherlands, so these interviews can be in person or online. Carl, Jason, and Rik are men, and Kirsty is a woman. Rik is our Dutch-speaking researcher. If you wish to conduct the interview in-person, you can choose the location.

After the interview is completed, you will receive a 25€ voucher as compensation for your participation in the study.

How long will I be in the study?

The interview will take approximately 45 minutes – 1 hour.

What are the possible risks or discomforts?

During the interview, we will ask some questions about your unwanted sexual experiences. You do not have to reveal anything you are not comfortable sharing. Some people may find talking about their experiences uncomfortable or distressing. If this happens, you will have control over whether you would like to continue. These experiences will not be the focus of the interview; we will mainly talk about your experiences of trying to access support and telling people about the

incidents. The research team has experience in working with survivors of sexual violence and therefore knows how to manage difficult conversations. If you wish, we can send you the questions in advance, so you know what to expect. We will give all participants the contact details of Menaswell, our partner organisation, who can offer support.

Are there any potential benefits?

You will receive a 25€ voucher as compensation for your participation. Additionally, some participants find talking about their experiences cathartic. The data produced by the project will also be used in scientific publications, public and academic presentations, and policy reports that will be used to lobby the cities in the Randstad area to give more funding and support to organisations that support men.

Will information about me and my participation be kept confidential and anonymous?

Your responses will be kept strictly confidential, and digital data will be stored in secure computer files. Any publications based on this research will not include your name or any other individual information by which you could be identified. When interview quotes are used in research outputs, all information that could identify you will be removed. The project's research records may be reviewed by departments at Utrecht University responsible for regulatory and research oversight.

What are my rights if I take part in this study?

Your participation in this study is voluntary. You will not be paid for your participation. You may choose not to participate, or, if you agree to participate, you can request to withdraw your participation at any time without any negative consequences. We will do our best to identify the de-identified transcript, but it may not always be possible. The researcher may not always be able to identify the transcript, or data may have been used in reports/publications. You will be asked to verbally consent to participating at the start of the interview. This will be recorded in a document held by the researcher.

Who can I contact if I have questions about the study?

- If you have questions, comments or concerns about this research project, you can talk to one of the researchers. Please contact the lead researcher: Carl Bonner-Thompson: c.a.bonner-thompson@uu.nl. If you have questions about your rights while taking part in the study or have concerns about the treatment of research participants, please write to the secretary of the Ethics Review Board: etc-beta-geo@uu.nl.
- If you have questions or concerns about your privacy while taking part in the study, please send an email to: privacy-geo@uu.nl, and consult uu.nl/privacy.

Your Personal Data

Within this project, we work with personal data, i.e., information that says something about you. This might include your name, demographic information, and personal experiences. Because we work with personal data, the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) applies. The GDPR is a European law that gives you certain rights. For example, you are entitled to important information about the study, which we aim to provide in this letter.

What personal data do we collect?

- Name to identify the participants (pseudonyms will be used later)
- Contact information to contact you to arrange an interview
- Demographics to understand the audience of this project (age, gender, ethnicity)
- Personal experiences
- Audio recording of an interview to transcribe for further analysis. Transcripts are written texts of participants' answers to the questions, as well as everything else said during the interview.

What happens to participants' personal data?

The audio recordings of the interviews will be stored on Utrecht University's SharePoint for analysis. Only the researcher who conducted the interview and the research assistant (Marianne) will have access to the audio file. The research assistant will transcribe the interview using Amber Script (a secure transcribing software). Names and identifying information will be deleted in the final transcript. The audio file will be deleted as soon as the transcript is completed, but no longer than three months. Transcripts will be sent to you to review, to ensure you are ok with the contents. The interview is transcription will be coded using NVivo software. Then transcripts of the interviews will be anonymously stored on Utrecht University SharePoint for up to 10 years. Dutch universities have agreed to keep this data for at least 10 years. Other researchers can then check whether we conducted our research properly. We may pass the transcripts on to other researchers conducting similar research, who then have to make sure that they keep the transcripts confidential.

Who has access to your data?

Only the members of the research team have access to your personal data.

We ensure proper security of your personal data

Utrecht University treats your personal data very confidentially. We secure your data well. For example, all computers that hold personal data are password protected, and many computers are even more secure, with a two- "factor" (2-factor authentication, or 2FA).

Names and emails will not be stored with interview data or data on age, sexuality, ethnicity, race and nationality. Names and emails will be stored so we can organise the interview and communicate findings. You can opt-in if you wish to receive updates on the project. If you do not, we will delete your name and email as soon as possible. These will be in encrypted and password-protected files and stored separately from transcripts and all other data. We will ensure they cannot be connected.

Legal Basis for the collection of personal data: explicit consent

Before the interview, we ask you to verbally consent to the use of your personal data. Without your consent, we may not use your personal data. You are not obliged to give consent: the choice is entirely up to you. If you do not give consent, this will not have any negative consequences for you. If you do give consent and later try to withdraw it, we will do our best to meet your demand. You will never have to say why you do not give consent or why you are withdrawing your consent.

Below is a summary of the processing of personal data done as part of our research project.

	What personal data is being processed <i>Age, gender, education level, ethnicity, political opinions...</i>
	Why is this data processed? <i>The data is used to understand what factors influence the feeling of safety in public space and affinity with cameras in such spaces.</i>
	Who will have access to the data ? <i>Only the principal researcher Marianne Menut and Carl Bonner Thompson (supervisor) will have access to personal data. The data is anonymized as soon as possible, and other researchers only have access to anonymous data. Personal data are stored encrypted on a password-protected storage at the university.</i>
	How long is the personal data being stored ? <i>After completion of data collection, the data will be anonymized as soon as possible - at the latest after 6 months. At that time, all contact details will also be deleted.</i>
	On what legal basis are we processing the data ? <i>The data will be processed according to your explicit consent.</i>
	What are your rights? <i>You have the right to object to the processing of your personal data. To do so, please contact the researcher (M.a.menut@students.uu.nl), or fill in this form: https://forms.uu.nl/universiteitutrecht/formulier_privacy_aanvraag.</i>
	How can you contact us ? <i>If you have any questions, you can contact the researchers at m.a.menut@students.uu.nl, or if you have complaints, you can contact our complaints officer (klachtenfunctionaris-fetcsocwet@uu.nl) or our data protection officer (fg@uu.nl).</i>