



Parental Consent Form

INSERT NAME OF CLIENT: _____

I hereby confirm that I have parental responsibility for the above named person and that I consent for them to attend Doncaster Rape and Sexual Abuse Counselling Service for therapeutic counselling.

The limits of confidentiality have been explained to me and I understand that, under normal circumstances, the content of the counselling sessions will not be disclosed to me by the counsellor. I have received an information sheet that explains the exceptional circumstances where information may be disclosed to others outside of the organisation.

General Data Protection Regulations: By signing this form I give consent to DRASACS to process the personal data of the client named above. Due to the legal exceptions set out under Article 9(2) GDPR, the personal information will be stored permanently. The person named above can request copies of the information held once they reach the age of 18, and request some types of information are deleted. See drasacs.org.uk for more information.

Retention of information relating to Child Clients: As the records relate to a 'child's personal history' or 'relevant to legal action that has been started but not finished' and potentially 'relevant to legal proceedings involving the organisation' the information will be stored permanently.

Name: (Please print in BLOCK CAPITALS) _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Relationship to the child/young person attending: _____

Information for Parents/Carers on Confidentiality

Confidentiality: Confidentiality will be maintained to the highest degree. We will not share any information about a client to a 'third party' unless we are compelled to do so by legal process (subpoena), there is an overriding safeguarding issue, or it is deemed to be in the 'best interests of the client (see Safeguarding policy, Data & Information Sharing Guidance & Confidentiality at drasacs.org.uk). Examples of circumstances in which we are unable to preserve confidentiality and are required to report our concerns to the appropriate authorities:-

- If we believe there is an indication that someone is at significant risk of harm.
- If the client tells the police or a legal representative that they have engaged in counselling we may be required to release information as a result of subpoena.
- We are required to pass on to the police information regarding money laundering and/or drug trafficking and/or harm intended to others through the planning or carrying out of terrorist activities.
- DRASACS is totally against any form of the exploitation of children and young people (i.e. FGM or trafficking for sexual exploitation) and we operate under the relevant UK legislation and statutory guidance.

All our counsellors have supervision of their work to ensure they are working ethically and safely. This will enable the counsellor to receive support for themselves and discuss any concerns they may have.

We will use information relating to 'demographics', 'categorisation of Sexual Offences' and 'outcomes' to create a broad picture (e.g. average client age of 34, 17% are male clients) for funders and stakeholders to educate and inform of the impact of sexual violence and to seek targeted funding to continue DRASACS work. We will use specific anonymised quotes from feedback in a similar way.

Subject Access Request: The client can request this once they reach the age of 18 (see drasacs.org.uk).

Deletion of Information: At any time clients can request the deletion of information relating to 'demographics' and 'monitoring & feedback information gathered for funders' (definitions available at drasacs.org.uk).