**The impact of regulation and registration on the residential childcare workforce: comparing England and Wales.**

**Consent Form for Professionals**

Thank you for considering taking part in this research. The person organising the research must explain the project to you before you agree to take part. If you have any questions arising from the Information Sheet or explanation already given to you, please ask the researcher before you decide whether to join in. You will be given a copy of this consent form to keep and refer to at any time.

Chief Investigator: Dr Martin Elliott

Participant ID:

**Please Initial**

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| 1. I confirm that I have read and understood the information sheet (version 1.1, dated 20/03/2023) for the above study. I have had the opportunity to consider the information and ask any questions which have been answered to my satisfaction. |  |
| 1. I agree to take part in a focus group (or interview if I would prefer) lasting up to 2 hours, where I will discuss my understandings of the aims of registering people working in children’s homes and how I think it is intended to achieve those aims. |  |
| 1. I understand that my participation is voluntary and that I am free to withdraw at any time without giving any reason, without my employment or legal rights being affected. |  |
| 1. I agree to have the focus group (or interview) audio recorded, and for notes to be taken. I understand that the audio recording and notes will be held confidentially at Cardiff University or Kings College London for the purposes of transcription. |  |
| 1. I understand that the information I have submitted will be used in research publications. I agree for researchers to use verbatim (‘word-for-word’) quotes from the focus groups (or interview). I understand that these will be anonymous, and I will not be identifiable from the quotes. |  |
| 1. I understand that the information I provide for this study will be held confidentially and securely by the research team and will be handled under the terms of UK data protection law, including the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018. I understand that the data will be assigned special identifiers to protect my identity. It has been explained to be that the data will be stored on a long-term basis at Cardiff University. |  |
| 1. I understand that my information may be subject to review by responsible individuals from Cardiff University or King’s College London and from other regulatory authorities where it is relevant to my taking part in the study for monitoring and audit purposes. I give permission for these individuals to have access to my records. |  |
| 1. I understand that if I withdraw from the study, any data that I have already provided will be retained and used for research purposes, unless I inform the research team that I do not wish for the information to be used. I understand that there will come a time point at which it will be impossible to withdraw my data, for example, once the results of the study have been published. |  |
| 1. I understand that if what I say causes concern that there may be a risk to myself or another person that the researcher may have to break confidentiality and discuss it with the relevant authorities. |  |
| 1. I agree for the data generated from this study to be kept and used for further research in the future. I understand that this may include researchers working outside of the UK. |  |
| 1. I agree to take part in the above study. |  |

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**Two copies of the consent form to be completed- one retained by the Researcher, and one provided to the participant to keep.**