

## THE BENEFITS AND RISKS OF PARTICIPATING

Possible **benefits** of participating:

- You would be able to talk about a time in your life that you have perhaps not felt able to before.
- Your participation could inform professionals about issues they have not considered before, enhancing care for older adults.
- You would receive a gift voucher or donation to a baby loss charity in your name.

Possible **risks** of participating:

- Talking about your stillbirth could invoke feelings of distress or re-traumatisation. If this were to happen, you could stop at any time and support would be provided.

## HOW DO I SIGN UP?

If you are interested in participating or want to ask any questions, please contact Rachael Corcoran:

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# RESEARCH STUDY EXPLORING LONGER- AGO BABY LOSS

## INFORMATION LEAFLET



## WHY WE ARE CONDUCTING THIS RESEARCH

Attitudes towards and healthcare practices for baby loss in the UK have changed drastically over time, and whilst support is now offered more frequently to bereaved parents, this was not always the case. We want to understand what the impact of having a stillborn baby was prior to practices being changed, and how that impact has been felt by bereaved mothers over time. We hope that by learning about older women's experiences directly, we can come up with ways to improve care for the older adult population.

## WHAT WOULD BE EXPECTED OF ME?

If you choose to participate, you would be asked to complete an interview lasting up to two hours. You would be asked a number of questions about your stillbirth and the impact that this did or did not have on you, both at the time and over time. The interview would be recorded for purposes of analysis, and then deleted, and your information would be anonymous thereafter. You would also be asked to complete a brief demographic questionnaire at the start of the interview.

## AM I ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE?

You would be able to take part in the study if you meet the following criteria:

- You are a woman who is aged 65 or over.
- Your baby was stillborn in the UK when you were younger.
- You can communicate in English.

We would be keen to hear from individuals from a range of ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds.

## CAN I CHANGE MY MIND?

You can change your mind about participating at any time until your data has been anonymised.