

## **Invitation to Participate in an Academic Study**

We would like to invite you to participate in a study being run as a PhD thesis from the School of Law, Kingston University, by Mr Paul Gavin, under the supervision of Professor Penny Darbyshire. Your voluntary participation is requested so we may learn more about any mental health issues which may exist within the Irish prisoner population in England and Wales.

Our questionnaire will take approximately 30 minutes. Your name will not be recorded on the questionnaire and your responses will be anonymous. Your participation is voluntary and you may choose to withdraw from the study at any time. If you are willing to participate, please complete the enclosed consent form. All information will be maintained in a strictly confidential manner and any reporting which may arise as a result of the information obtained will not in any way be used to identify any participant.

If you have any questions pertaining to this study, please contact

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Thank you for your assistance.

Paul Gavin

## Consent Form

- I understand that I have volunteered to participate in an academic study to examine the mental health of Irish offenders in England and Wales.
- I understand that I am under no obligation to participate and do so of my own free will.
- I understand that there is no individual benefit to me personally as a result of participation, nor is there any adverse effect from my withdrawal.
- I understand that the information provided by me will be held confidentially and stored securely, such that only the researcher can trace this information back to me individually.
- I understand that I can ask for the information I provide to be deleted/destroyed at any time and, in accordance with the Data Protection Act, I can have access to the information at any time and that this consent form is the only time I will use my name or prisoner number with regards to this study.
- I understand that information provided by me for this study, including my own words, may be used in a research report, publications, or presentations, but that all such information will be anonymous.

Participant's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_