

**RESEARCH PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITY –  
INVESTIGATING HOW WE CATEGORISE OUR POSSESSIONS**

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We would like to invite you to consider participating in a research study that aims to develop our understanding of categorisation in people who hoard.

Some people have profound difficulty in letting go of valued possessions. This difficulty can lead to rooms becoming disorganised over time so that the space is no longer useable nor recognisable. This can be referred to as a hoarding problem. It is proposed that people who hoard valued possession find it hard to sort items into categories.

We are interested in exploring to see if there are any differences in how people who hoard categorise objects compared to people who don't hoard valued possession in quite the same way.

**What would your participation involve?**

1. You will be asked to participate in a brief telephone interview
2. If you meet the inclusion criteria you will be then asked to complete a set of questionnaires
3. You will be invited to the university to participate in a testing session where you'll be asked to sort objects into different categories.

You will be given a £5 as a small gesture of thanks and a small donation made to a Hoarding Charity on your behalf if you so wish

**Who can take part in this study?**

We are looking for people with hoarding problems, and individuals without these problems

**How long will it take?**

In total, it is expected that participation involves approximately three hours.

**Where will the interview take place?**

The initial phone interview will be done over the phone /Skype, depending on your preference. The testing will occur at the University of Bath, or at your home if you are unable to travel there

**How are the questionnaires administered?**

The questionnaires can be completed online or by post, depending on your preference.

**Is it confidential?**

Yes. All the information you provide will be kept strictly confidential and securely stored.

**How to get more information about the study?**

If you think you might be interested in taking part, or would like to discuss any aspect of the study, please contact:

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**This study has been approved by the University of Bath, Ethics Committee. Reference Number: 16-324**