

## **Born in Bradford Age of Wonder research project**

### **Parent information sheet - Year 8, 9 and 10**

Born in Bradford (BiB) are working with your child's school on an exciting project that will help us to understand and improve the health and wellbeing of young people in Bradford.

We're asking parents and carers of young people in schools across Bradford if they are happy for their child to take part in the project. Until your child reaches the age of 16 we will write to you each year and ask if you want your child to be part of BiB Age of Wonder project.

If your child takes part this year, they will do a survey during their normal school day.

**If you are happy for your child to take part, you do not need to do anything.**

**If you do not want your child to take part, fill in the form on the last page of this booklet and hand this back to your child's school.**

The rest of this booklet tells you more about the project, how we will look after your child's information, and what to do next.

This project is being led by the BiB Age of Wonder study team, based in Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. The study has been reviewed and approved by the Bradford Leeds Research Ethics Committee [Ref: 21/YH/0261, date: 22.12.21].

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### ***What is Born in Bradford Age of Wonder?***

Born in Bradford is one of the largest research projects of its kind in the world. Between 2007 and 2011, 12,500 families in Bradford who had their babies at Bradford Royal Infirmary signed up to be part of the BiB research project

The research has helped us to understand the health and wellbeing of families in Bradford. For example, because we found out how much harm diesel fumes cause, we were able to show that fitting pollution filters to busses would make our Bradford air much cleaner.

Our new project is called **BiB Age of Wonder** and it aims to learn from young people what it is like to be a teenager growing up in Bradford. We want every young person who lives in Bradford or attends a secondary school here to take part.

We will use this research to understand how Bradford schools and services can support young people to be as happy and healthy as possible.

### ***What will my child be asked to do?***

If your child takes part this year, they will be asked to complete a survey at school. The survey asks your child about topics such as mental and physical health, their school, identity, risk taking behaviours, relationships with family and friends, climate change, social media, crime and safety. You can see the full surveys on the Born in Bradford website at <https://borninbradford.nhs.uk/what-we-do/studies/age-of-wonder/>.

The data from the survey is confidential.

Whilst we are in school, if your child told us something that suggested a concern for their or someone else's safety, we would discuss this with their teacher.

### ***How do you use my child's personal information?***

If you agree for your child to take part, their school will provide us with the following personal information about your child:

- Name
- Unique pupil number (UPN)
- Date of birth
- Contact details
- School email address

We use this information so we know who has taken part in the project and so we can send a link for our survey to their school email address. We also use their personal information to link with data from previous involvement in BiB Age of Wonder activities.

We will ask your child's school to share their canteen sales data with us, so we can find out more about young people's school food choices and explore how to support healthy eating at school. We will look to link canteen sales data to our survey data, using your child's personal information listed above, such as unique pupil number (UPN).

Your child's school might be offered the chance to take part in projects to support young peoples' wellbeing. We might use your child's information to help the school and other services to select young people to take part in these projects and compare their data to those who do not take part. This will help us find out if the projects make a difference to young people's wellbeing.

### **How will BiB keep my child's information secure?**

BiB is part of Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, where all data is securely stored and treated confidentially. Our systems are password-protected and very secure. Identifiable information (like names and addresses) will be kept separate from other data, and only a small group of authorised staff will access this information. These staff include those linking data and those updating you about the study. Researchers will not have access to personal details, as we will remove them to keep the data anonymous. The

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anonymous data will be used for research and planning services. Since we are studying long-term changes, we will keep the information and build on it over time. As this is a long term project, data will be held securely for the duration of the study. This is likely to be at least 30 years.

When we collect the research data, your child's personal details will be removed and replaced with a study ID code. This means it will not be possible for anyone to use the data we collect to identify your child. If we share data with other UK and international research studies that have been approved by BiB, we will only give them this study ID code to make sure your child will never be able to be identified.

You can find out more about how we use your child's information at <https://borninbradford.nhs.uk/about/how-we-conduct-research/> or by contacting the project team at [ageofwonder@bthft.nhs.uk](mailto:ageofwonder@bthft.nhs.uk) or 01274 274474.

### ***Are there any risks or benefits to taking part?***

We hope this research will help improve the health and wellbeing for everyone in Bradford. We aim to offer a number of opportunities throughout the year such as careers and skills workshops and work experience to thank your child for taking part.

### ***What do I need to do if I would like my child to take part?***

If you are happy for your child to take part, you do not need to do anything. If you do not get in touch, we will assume that you are happy for your child to take part.

You can withdraw your child from the project at any time before the survey takes place without giving a reason. Contact us using the details given below and ask for your child to be removed. We may contact you again in future years to give your child the opportunity to take part in further studies.

### ***What do I need to do if I do not want my child to take part?***

Your child does not have to take part in BiB Age of Wonder. If you **DO NOT** want your child to take part, please fill in the attached form and hand it back to your child's school.

### ***How can I find out more information?***

You can keep up to date with the project through our website and social media channels:

Website: [www.borninbradford.nhs.uk](http://www.borninbradford.nhs.uk)

Instagram: @BiBAgeofWonder

Twitter: @BiBresearch

Facebook: @BorninBradford

If you would like to find out more about the project before deciding to let your child take part, please contact the Born in Bradford team:

Email: [Ageofwonder@bthft.nhs.uk](mailto:Ageofwonder@bthft.nhs.uk)

Phone: 01274 274474

### ***What if I have a complaint?***

If you have a concern about any aspect of this study, you should ask to speak to the researchers who will do their best to answer your questions:

- By sending an email to [ageofwonder@bthft.nhs.uk](mailto:ageofwonder@bthft.nhs.uk)
- By calling the BiB project office on 01247 274474

You can also find out more about how we use your information through:

- Our website [www.borninbradford.nhs.uk](http://www.borninbradford.nhs.uk)
- The Health Research Authority website [www.hra.nhs.uk/patientdataandresearch](http://www.hra.nhs.uk/patientdataandresearch)

If you still have a concern after speaking to the research team, in the first instance contact the Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Patient Advice & Liaison Service (PALS).

Tel: 01274 364810 (Monday to Friday 9am – 4pm). Messages can be left on the answering machine and will be answered within two working days.

Email: [Patient.experience@bthft.nhs.uk](mailto:Patient.experience@bthft.nhs.uk)

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In person: by making an appointment on **01274 364810**.

If you have any further concerns about the use of your data, you can contact the data protection officer for Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (Jennifer Pope) on [dataprotectionofficer@bthft.nhs.uk](mailto:dataprotectionofficer@bthft.nhs.uk) or the Information Governance team on [Information.Governance@bthft.nhs.uk](mailto:Information.Governance@bthft.nhs.uk).

## Born in Bradford: Age of Wonder Year 8, 9 and 10 (opt-out)

If you are happy for your child to take part in the Born in Bradford, Age of Wonder Year 8, 9 and 10 surveys, you do not need to do anything.

If you **DO NOT** want your child to take part in the Born in Bradford, Age of Wonder Year 8, 9 and 10 surveys, please complete this form and return it to your child's school.

Child's name: .....

Form/Tutor Group: .....

Parent's / Carer's name: .....

Parent's / Carer's signature: .....

Date: .....

	Please tick
I <b><u>DO NOT</u></b> want my child to take part in the Born in Bradford Age of Wonder Year 8 surveys.	<input type="checkbox"/>