**Section 2: Consent Forms**

A Consent Form should be no longer than one side of A4. It should be formatted on headed paper with the University Crest (or equivalent for other institutions) and clearly stating the title of the study.

The Consent Form concisely covers the main points of the Participant Information Sheet phrased as statements with which potential participants can agree or disagree. You could add a space for initials or yes/no deletions.

Some example statements include:

* *I confirm that I have read and understand the Participant Information Sheet*
* *I have had the opportunity to ask questions and had them answered*
* *I understand that all personal information will remain confidential and that all efforts will be made to ensure I cannot be identified (except as might be required by law)*
* *I agree that data gathered in this study may be stored anonymously and securely, and may be used for future research*
* *I understand that my participation is voluntary and that I am free to withdraw at any time without giving a reason.*
* *I agree to take part in this study*

***Participant’s signature***

Make a space for the participant to sign, print their name and date. If parents or carers are consenting for a child, then a space to print the child’s name is also needed.

Spaces for the investigator taking consent to sign, print their name and date can also be included.