



RESEARCH CONSENT FORM

Please read the following information carefully. This agreement is to be signed by the legal guardian(s) of listed young person seeking individual counselling services. If being signed by a legal guardian other than a parent please list your relationship to the child next to your signature.

1. Confidentiality

All the information you provide will remain anonymous and confidential. Communication of all Turning Corners and Bravehearts' data (e.g. in reports, journal articles or conference presentations) will be **de-identified**, meaning that **the young person's name and identity will not be revealed**.

2. Your information

2.1. What information does Bravehearts collect?

Turning Corners collects information about its clients to determine engagement in as well as effectiveness of our services. The information we collect may include basic demographic data, as well as background information relating to, for example, your reasons for coming to Turning Corners. Additionally, we routinely collect pre- and post-treatment assessments to measure the effectiveness of our services.

2.2 How may this information be used?

At Turning Corners, we use evidence-based therapies to deliver best practice. At times, we have the opportunity to present our data at conferences or in research journals.

We also may publish internal reports on the Bravehearts' website about use and effectiveness of our services.

Research collected by Bravehearts will also contribute to ongoing and continuous service improvement to meet client need. We therefore ask for your consent to use the information we collect about you/your child for this purpose.

2.3 How will my information be stored?

All information collected from Turning Corners clients is held securely on Bravehearts' servers, accessible only through password-protected files. Turning Corners adopts the general data retention requirement of the Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research, which states that the minimum recommended period for retention of research data is 5 years from the date of publication.

I, _____, have read, understood and agree with the supplied Research Consent Form.

As legal guardian, I agree to the terms and conditions of Turning Corners Research Consent Form for my child _____ (print child's name).

Relationship to child _____

Signed _____

Date ____/____/____

Questions or concerns?

If you have any questions or require further information about the use of information for research purposes, please contact our research team:

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