



THE SOCIAL STIGMA OF SCARS: EXPLORING THE NARRATIVES OF ADULT BURNS SURVIVORS

We are conducting a Psychology research study which will explore the social stigma associated with scars, through the narratives of adults who have sustained a severe burn or scald. As distressing experiences have the ability to continuously affect the brain, mind and body, the main aim of this research regards:

- Exploring their experience and what they believe can be better in society to eliminate misconceptions and stigma.
- The strategies which they may employ to overcome challenges.
- Exploring behaviours of society and the workplace to understand the influence they have on their reintegration.

You are invited to take part if you have sustained a burn injury, at least one year post discharge from hospital treatment for the protection of your welfare and are over the age of 18. You will be asked to participate in an audio recorded semi-structured interview lasting 45 minutes with the researcher, online or in person in a suited setting, consisting of unidentifiable demographic questions for anonymity and questions regarding the aims above.

If you are interested in participating and would like further information, please contact Giorgia Alonge on 40455212@live.napier.ac.uk

This study has been given ethical approval. If you are worried about this research, or if you are concerned with how it is being conducted, please contact the Convenor for the School of Applied Sciences Research Integrity Committee via: School of Applied Sciences, Edinburgh Napier University, Sighthill Campus, Edinburgh, EH11 4BN, or email: ethics.sas@napier.ac.uk