

INFORMATION SHEET

Use of Motivational Interviewing for Elder Abuse Intervention

You are invited to participate in the above project conducted by Dr YAN Chau Wai, Elsie, who is the Associate Head of the Department of Applied Social Science in The Hong Kong Polytechnic University. The project has been approved by the Human Subjects Ethics Subcommittee (HSESC) of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University.

This project aims to reduce and enhance respectively the risk factors and protective factors pertaining to elder abuse in Hong Kong by the use of MI-based, client-centered and individual-tailored intervention strategy.

154 Participants will be recruited from District Elderly Community Centers. Potential participants are community dwelling older Chinese of 60 years of age or above who speak Chinese and who show symptoms of being in an abusive relationship after the screening test. Before participation, you will be invited to attend a briefing session and enroll in a life skill training program aimed to enhance wellness and quality of life. The objective of the proposed study and issues related to confidentiality will also be explained to you.

During the study, you are asked to join a 90-minute face-to-face group engagement session and three 30-minute individual telephone sessions later during the first, second, and third month. The sessions will be audio-recorded to ensure intervention quality and provide data for subsequent qualitative analysis. You also have to fill in sets of questionnaire, which will take you about half an hour, at pretreatment, upon completion of the intervention and at the three-month follow up.

The study should not result in any undue discomfort. If you experience any discomfort or other negative feelings, please do not hesitate to seek our help.

Confidentiality is promised. All the information obtained in the study will be used for research purposes only. None of the personal identifiers would be used for publication. Only the researcher and her team will have access to personal data and research data for the purposes of the study. Responsible members of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University may be given access for monitoring of the research.

The information collected will be kept for five years after the paper publication. The Hong Kong Polytechnic University takes reasonable precautions to prevent the loss, misappropriation, unauthorized access or destruction of the information you provide.

Your participation is voluntary. You have every right to withdraw from the study before or during the measurement without penalty of any kind.

You may contact Dr YAN Chau Wai, Elsie (tel. no.: 2766 5733/ email: elsie.yan@polyu.edu.hk) of PolyU under the following situations:

- a. if you have any other questions in relation to the study;
- b. if, under very rare conditions, you become injured as a result of your participation in the study; or
- c. if you want to get access to/or change your personal data.

In the event you have any complaints about the conduct of this research study, you may contact the Human Subjects Ethics Sub-Committee of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University in writing (c/o Research Office of the University) stating clearly the responsible person and department of this study as well as the HSESC Reference Number.

Thank you for your interest in participating in this study.

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