**Tayside Centre for Counselling, Abertay University**

**Research study: Clients’ views of the effects of counselling**

**CONSENT FORM**

**Please read the statements below and tick as appropriate**

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|  | Yes | No |
| The purpose of the study has been explained to me and I have been given the opportunity to ask questions |  |  |
| I have received a copy of the information sheet relating to this study |  |  |
| I understand that participation in this study is confidential and will not in any way affect the counselling I receive |  |  |
| I am aware that taking part in this study is voluntary |  |  |
| I understand that I can stop participating in the study at any time without giving reasons |  |  |
| I give consent to the use of anonymised quotations in any written reports or papers from the study |  |  |
| I give consent to my counselling being audio-recorded and that I may require the recorder to be turned off without giving a reason  |  |  |
| I understand that further support and de-brief is available to me if I am troubled by any aspect of my participation in the study |  |  |

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Name of participant Date Signature

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Name of researcher Date Signature

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