

## **An exploration of former police officers' reflections on disenfranchised trauma and its bearing upon allegations and penalties for misconduct**

### **Are you a former police officer?**

I am conducting research as part of my Master's degree in Clinical Counselling at the University of Chester, exploring how disenfranchised trauma may influence behaviours that lead to allegations of misconduct, i.e. experiencing the effects of trauma not recognised at the time by you or the constabulary.

Your unique insights could contribute to a better understanding of these complex issues, potentially impacting future practices in policing and trauma management.

### **Eligibility Criteria:**

- **Be a former police officer.**
- **Have left policing at least five years prior to the study to ensure a reflective perspective.**
- **Have personally experienced a previous police misconduct-related allegation.**
- **Have experienced trauma that you perceived was not recognised by you or the force at that point in time, and believe may be linked to the misconduct-related allegation.**
- **Be willing and able to share your experiences in English.**
- **Be sufficiently grounded in your experience, in your opinion, to take part in the study.**
- **Should not currently be undergoing trauma counselling or therapy.**

### **What's Involved:**

- **A confidential, up to 90 minute audio-recorded interview conducted via MS Teams.**
- **Anonymity is guaranteed through the use of pseudonyms and data anonymisation.**

Participation is entirely voluntary, and you may withdraw without explanation up to 14 days following the interview.

Your reflections will play a vital role in shedding light on this underexplored area while ensuring your voice remains central to the research.

To express interest or for further information, please contact me,

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*Thank you for considering this opportunity to make a meaningful contribution to this research*