



## Information sheet for participants: submitting evidence/case studies

*York Law School*

EU Rights and Brexit Hub: a legal action research project challenging and documenting obstacles to justice for EU and EEA nationals throughout the UK in the aftermath of Brexit.

Thank you for your interest in taking part in this study. This sheet aims to tell you more about the research project.

*The aims of the research*

The project is a legal action research project – offering a second tier advice and evidence submission service to advisers on specialist EU issues, and analysing the cases we see to find out what obstacles to justice EU and EEA nationals face over the coming years – however their rights change, and whatever their new rights are, we are looking the barriers to accessing them.

Key objectives of the research are as follows:

- To identify the administrative procedures through which EU nationals must go to establish free movement and equal treatment rights.
- To identify barriers to accessing free movement and equal treatment rights, such as evidence requirements.
- To document any perceptions about attitudinal barriers and discrimination.
- To discover strategies for tackling these barriers, and to provide advisers with these strategies through devising a 'Brexit advice guide.'

*Who is doing the research?*

My name is Charlotte O'Brien and I am a researcher at the law department in the University of York. I have over fourteen years of experience as a Citizens Advice adviser and caseworker, and I am the director of York Law School clinic. I am joined by Alice Welsh, a specialist post-doctoral research fellow, and will also work with clinic students to provide advice and support.

*What will I be asked to do?*

You are invited to submit evidence/case studies to clinic. We may seek further information from you specific to the case study, or we may ask questions about your more general experiences of the problems at issue. If you do request a consultation for a case, we ask that you provide the accompanying information sheet for clients to



your clients, and that you confirm to us that you have their consent to discuss their case with us.

### *Why should I take part?*

This project will help to identify key problems faced by people using EU law, who may be EU and EEA nationals, or third country national family members, or in some cases, British nationals. We aim to draw upon the cases we encounter to capture the human dimension of Brexit. Evidence can inform the research and contribute to our policy and campaigns work including follow up Freedom of Information requests to relevant public bodies and submissions to parliamentary bodies and EU institutions.

### *Do I have to take part?*

No, it is fine if you do not want to submit evidence or provide case studies. If you do decide to take part and later change your mind, you can withdraw at any time before the end of the project. You do not have to give a reason.

### *What will happen to the information?*

The evidence details will be stored on the clinic private server in accordance with YLS clinic policies, for six years and then be destroyed. Anonymised case records will be used to create a dataset which will be stored, password protected in the university server until the end of the project. At the end of the project, the anonymous dataset will be shared with the UK Data Service in accordance with ESRC guidelines.

### *What happens next?*

If you consent to participate, then please submit your evidence to the EU Rights and Brexit Hub. If you have any questions at any other point, you can continue to contact me at [law-eurightshub@york.ac.uk](mailto:law-eurightshub@york.ac.uk) . You can follow the progress of our research, and read the results, at: [www.eurightshub.york.ac.uk](http://www.eurightshub.york.ac.uk)

Thank you for reading this leaflet!