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INTERVIEW SCHEDULE

Dear Respondent

The aim of this study is to investigate the factors which influence adolescent drug abuse. The information which you will provide will enable me and other researchers to understand the problem of drug abuse among adolescents.

The information you will provide will remain absolutely anonymous and confidential. The responses you will give will not influence your treatment in the Centre in any way.

If you do not wish to continue with the interview, you are welcome to indicate so. The interview will then be stopped.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Lucia Mokoena



1 What is your age?

2 How old were you when you started taking drugs?

3 How were you introduced to drugs?

Bought from a dealer	
Offered by a friend(s)	
Offered by a family member	
Drugs were available in my home	
I do not remember	
Other – specify	

4 With whom do you usually take drugs?

You are welcome to give more than one answer.

Alone	
With friends in my neighbourhood	
With friends at school	
With friends at parties	
With a family member	
Other – specify	



5 For what reason did you or do you take drugs?
You are welcome to give more than one answer.

Because my friends take drugs	
Drugs make me feel good	
To be accepted by friends	
Drugs are available in my home	
Drugs help me to forget about family problems	
Other – specify	

6 What do you look for when you choose a friend? Please explain.

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7 What do you do to get accepted by your friends? Explain.

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8 Do any of your friends take drugs?

Yes No Don't know

9 If the answer above is YES, how often do these friends take drugs?

Daily Very often During weekends Once in a while



10 How often do you take drugs?

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11 How do you obtain the drugs? Explain.

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12 At which places do you usually take the drugs? More than one answer can be given.

Away from home	
At home	
At school	
At parties	
Other – specify	

13 How do you afford to support this habit?

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14 How do you spend your free time? Explain

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15 Who do you live with?

Both parents	
Father and stepmother	
Mother and stepfather	
Father	
Mother	
Grandparents	
Other – specify	

16 Can you describe your relationship with your family before you began taking drugs?

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17 To what extent has your relationship changed since you started taking drugs?

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18 Do you experience conflict in your home?

Often Very often Never Sometimes

19 If you do experience conflict at home, what is the conflict usually about?

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20 How do you as an a family deal with conflict?

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21 How do you as an individual deal with conflict?

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22 Do you get rewarded for good behaviour by your parents?

Always Sometimes Never

23 If there is a reward for your good behaviour, how do you get rewarded?

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24 Do your parents communicate their disapproval of your behaviour if it is not acceptable to them?

Always Sometimes Never

25 How do your parents(s) communicate their disapproval of your behaviour?

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26 Do you think parents should communicate their disapproval when children become involved in drugs?

Yes No

27 How does your parent(s) react to your involvement with drugs?

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28 Do you know if anyone in your family take drugs?

Yes Don't know

29 If your answer above is YES, please state who it is.

Father and mother	
Father	
Mother	
Brother(s)	
Sister(s)	
Other - specify	

30 Do you feel free to communicate with your parents?

Yes No Sometimes Never

31 Who do you speak to when you experience personal problems?

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32 Do you enjoy spending time with your family?

Sometimes Always Never

Please motivate your answer.

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33 Which best describes the general atmosphere in your home?

Always relaxed Sometimes relaxed Always tensed Sometimes tensed

34 Please indicate which best describes how you feel about yourself.

	Never	Seldom	Often	Always
I feel that I have good qualities				
I feel I am a failure				
I feel I do not have much to be proud of				
I am satisfied with myself				
At time I think I am no good at all				

34 Are there other feelings you have about yourself which you would like to share?

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35 Is there anything that is related to your family, peers or yourself that you would like to share with me?

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36 What was the experience of being part of this interview?

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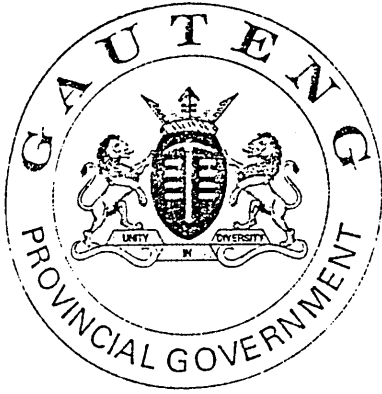
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Thank you for participating in this interview.



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Dear Ms Mokoena,

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT LETTER TO DO RESEARCH

We thank you for showing interest in doing research in this Department.

The Research Unit after going through your application and proposal agreed that you be given permission to undertake the research study at Magaliesoord Treatment Centre.

We appreciate your highlighting the importance of the principles of confidentiality in your proposal. We believe that you will strictly adhere to those principles and the sensitivity of the respondents.

The Research Unit wishes you well in your endeavours and hope that at the completion of your study you will furnish the Department with the final report (thesis) as stipulated in the application form.

Thanking you,

Ms D Quinchette
Chief Social Worker.