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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?

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<td>Offered by a family member</td>
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<td>Drugs were available in my home</td>
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<td>I do not remember</td>
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4 With whom do you usually take drugs?

You are welcome to give more than one answer.

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<td>With friends in my neighbourhood</td>
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<td>With friends at school</td>
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<td>With friends at parties</td>
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For what reason did you or do you take drugs?
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<td>Because my friends take drugs</td>
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<td>Drugs make me feel good</td>
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<td>To be accepted by friends</td>
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<td>Drugs are available in my home</td>
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<td>Drugs help me to forget about family problems</td>
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What do you look for when you choose a friend? Please explain.

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

Do any of your friends take drugs?

Yes ☐  No ☐  Don’t know ☐

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?


11 How do you obtain the drugs? Explain.


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

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13 How do you afford to support this habit?


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 a family deal with conflict?

21. How do you as an individual deal with conflict?

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?

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?
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?
   [Response]

28. Do you know if anyone in your family takes 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?
   [Response]
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.

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<td>I feel I do not have much to be proud of</td>
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<td>I am satisfied with myself</td>
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<td>At time I think I am no good at all</td>
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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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What was the experience of being part of this interview?

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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.