

Interview Schedule

Vignette:

Thandi has recently given birth to a healthy baby boy. She has named him Mpho. When Thandi was pregnant she discovered she was HIV positive. Thandi thinks breastfeeding her son is very important but because of her HIV status she is not sure what she should do.

Questions:

1. Why do you think Thandi is not sure if she must breastfeed or not?
2. What do you think she should do?
3. What do you think of Thandi? What kind of person do you think she is?
4. What do you think it will mean for the baby that his mother is HIV positive?
5. What do you think of Thandi's HIV status? How could she have contracted it?
6. What would a good mother do in this situation?
7. What does this situation mean for you? How would you compare your own experience of being a mother with Thandi's experience?

SUBJECT INFORMATION SHEET

Dear Madam

My name is Nasreen Malek. I am a Psychology Masters student at the University of Witwatersrand. I am currently completing a research project as part of my degree. I am interested in what mothers think about HIV infection and motherhood.

I am looking for young mothers who would be interested in speaking to me about ideas they have around this topic. I would like to interview you about these ideas basing our discussion around an example and talking together about it. I will give you a case of a mother who is HIV positive and is experiencing a dilemma. She is not sure what she should do in this situation. I would like to discuss with you what your ideas are on what she should do.

The interview would take up about an hour of your time. Please note that your participation will be confidential in that in writing up the report based on my discussions with you, I will not identify anyone by name or in any other way. The interviews would be arranged at a time and place convenient for you.

If you agree to take part in this study you would still be free to withdraw at any stage and to choose not to answer any particular question/s. I have no reason to think that the discussion is likely to be upsetting for you but if, for any reason, the interview brings up specific concerns I would be able to refer you to an appropriate counsellor.

Your assistance would be most appreciated.

Yours faithfully

Nasreen Malek (Tel: 084 2101760)

CONSENT FORM

I hereby consent to participate in this research on motherhood and HIV/AIDS. I understand that any information revealed within the interviews will remain confidential. I also understand that I will remain anonymous (i.e., my name will not be used) when this research is being written up, although my words may be quoted.

I (NAME IN BLOCK LETTERS)_____agree to participate in this research.

Signature:_____

Date:_____

AUDIO-TAPING CONSENT FORM

I hereby consent to have my interview tape recorded. I understand that any information on the audio-tape will remain confidential. I am aware that the information will be used in a psychology masters research report and my identity will not be exposed. I also understand that the audio-tape will be kept in a safe place and will be destroyed when this research project is completed.

I (NAME IN BLOCK LETTERS)_____agree to my interviews being tape recorded.

Signature:_____

Date:_____