

**RESEARCH PROJECT: SAFETY, BELONGING AND CHOICE IN SHARED
DISABILITY RESIDENTIAL SETTINGS**

STUDENT RESEARCHER



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WHO IS ELLEN?:



Ellen is a PhD student at Flinders University.

As part of her PhD she is doing a big research study.

This project is titled 'Negotiating safety, belonging and choice in shared disability residential settings'.

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WHAT DOES ELLEN WANT TO RESEARCH?

Ellen will talk to people with disability about their experiences of living in shared accommodation.

This could include places like group homes, clustered housing, co-housing or other forms of shared accommodation.

Ellen would like to talk about three topics:



Safety in the place you live and having people in your life you trust and feel safe with.



Belonging and feeling supported and loved by the people you live with in your home.



Choice and control to make decisions in your home.

I will be asking questions about:

How people with disability feel safe in their home

How people with disability feel in control of what happens in their home.

How people with disability connect with other people and feel a sense of value and belonging in their home



This study is based in Adelaide. The research is supported by Flinders University, Department of Disability & Community Inclusion.

What will I be asked to do?



3 interviews with Ellen (researcher) about who you are, where you live and what your story is.



Take photos of your home using a camera or phone.

You may also choose to:



Do some drawing or art



Do some collage (cutting and pasting pictures)

Can I have a support person with me?



Yes. You can have a friend or support person with you at any time.

What will you do with the information I give you?



If it's okay with you, what you say will be recorded on audio tape. This is to make sure we don't forget anything you've said.



After Ellen has interviewed everyone, she will write a report which will be online for all to read.

WHAT DO I GET OUT OF BEING PART OF THIS PROJECT?

Your stories, photos and art can help in many ways.



It will help other people with disability.



It will help disability service providers.



It will also help policy makers.

Will I get in trouble if I do this study?



Your real name will not be used in the research report or on the artwork.

You will not need to give me your home address.

You will not need to give me the names of support providers you have.

Any information you share is kept confidential.

If you talk about being abused or hurt by someone, Ellen will have to report this to make sure you are safe.



Your audio recordings will be stored on a secure computer with a password.

We do our best to make sure your information is kept confidential, so it is unlikely you could be identified, though still possible.

There are no physical risks or discomforts.



If you feel bad, or don't like questions you can say NO. Ellen won't mind.

You can stop and leave the project at any time. That's okay.

Where can I go if I need help

You or your family can contact Ellen at any time.

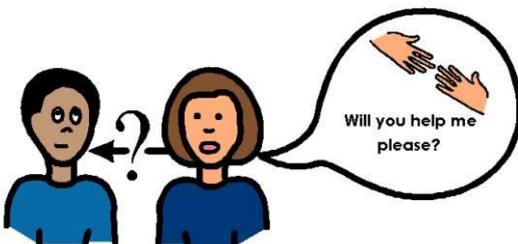
You can also talk to a friend, or family member.

To talk to someone about abuse and harm, please contact:

National Disability Abuse & Neglect Hotline

Hotline: 1800 880 052

Email: hotline@workfocus.com



How do I agree to participate?



Your participation in this study is voluntary.

You can say yes or no.

You do not have to answer all questions.

It is your choice.



You can change your mind and withdraw consent at any time during the study.

You are free to exit the study at any time.



If you are happy to take part in the study, please sign the consent form attached.

What about feedback?

Ellen will meet with you to talk about the findings and give feedback.

You can also give Ellen feedback too about anything you didn't like, or things you do like.

Thank you for reading. I hope you want to get involved!

*This research project has been approved by the Flinders University Social and Behavioural Research Ethics Committee (**Project number 7972**). For more information regarding ethical approval of the project the Executive Officer of the Committee can be contacted by telephone on 8201 3116, by fax on 8201 2035 or by email human.researchethics@flinders.edu.au*