
INFORMATION SHEET

Title: Negotiating Security, Belonging and Choice in Shared Disability Residential Settings

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Description of the study

This study is part of the project titled **Negotiating security, belonging and choice in shared disability residential settings**. This project will investigate the perceptions and experiences of people with disability who live in a range of shared disability residential settings. This project is supported by Flinders University, College of Nursing and Health Sciences.

Purpose of the study

This project aims to find out how people with disability foster a sense of safety, belonging and choice in disability accommodation settings.

What will I be asked to do?

You are invited to attend a series of one-on-one interview. Each interview has it's own theme.

The first interview will gather information about who you are and your background. Then you will be asked to take some photos of your home life. These photos will be shared with the researcher in the second interview and will form the basis for questions about your home life. The third and final interview will be about strengths, hopes, dreams.

All three of these interviews are to find out more about three aspects:

- how safe and secure do you feel in your home
- Do you belong and feel at home where you live and with people you live with?
- Do you have freedom and authority to make choice and have control over what happens in your home?

If you would like to, during any or all of these interviews there is the potential to do some art as a way to further generate discussion and conversation about your views and thoughts on safety belonging and agency.

Participation is entirely voluntary. The interviews will take approximately an hour. You can choose how often you'd like to meet with the researcher. The interview will be audio recorded using a digital voice recorder to help with reviewing the results. Once recorded, the interview will be transcribed (typed-up) and stored as a computer file, and will only be destroyed if the transcript is checked by the participant.

What benefit will I gain from being involved in this study?

The sharing of your experiences will assist people with disabilities and their families to understand what safety, belonging and choice means to people with disability living in shared disability accommodation settings and will assist in their discussions and understanding. Secondly, your experiences will help service providers better understand what matters to you and what supports are necessary. Finally, your experiences will help policy makers have a better understanding of how you live and this will improve their awareness when making decisions at a systemic level.

Will I be identifiable by being involved in this study?

We do not need your name and you will be anonymous. Any identifying information will be removed, and your comments will not be linked directly to you. All information and results obtained in this study will be stored in a secure way, with access restricted to relevant researchers.

Are there any risks or discomforts if I am involved?

The researcher anticipates few risks from your involvement in this study, however, given the nature of the project, some participants could experience emotional discomfort. If any emotional discomfort is experienced please contact Lifeline on **13 11 14** for 24 hour support / counselling that may be accessed free of charge by all participants.

If you have any concerns regarding anticipated or actual risks or discomforts, please raise them with the researcher.

How do I agree to participate?

Participation is voluntary. You may answer 'no comment' or refuse to answer any questions, and you are free to withdraw from the interview at any time without effect or consequences. A consent form accompanies this information sheet. If you agree to participate please read and sign the form and send it back to me at <address>.

Recognition of contribution / time / travel costs

If you would like to participate and need assistance with taxi vouchers or travel costs, this can be arranged. Please contact Ellen Fraser-Barbour to talk further.

How will I receive feedback?

On project completion, outcomes of the project will be given to all participants via email / post / website.

Thank you for taking the time to read this information sheet, and we hope that you will accept our invitation to be 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 only, the Executive Officer of the Committee can be contacted by telephone on (08) 8201 3116, by fax on (08) 8201 2035, or by email to human.researchethics@flinders.edu.au