

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET: INTERVIEW / FOCUS GROUPS

Mental Health Scope of practice for Australian general practice nurses

PURPOSE OF THE RESEARCH

This is an invitation to participate in a study conducted by the University of Wollongong sponsored by the Australian College of Mental Health Nurses Inc. This study seeks to explore the existing role of nurses in general practice around mental health care and identify opportunities for nurses working in general practice to better contribute to mental health within their Practice.

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WHAT WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO DO

If you choose to participate we would ask you to undertake an interview either face-to-face, online or via telephone with a researcher. Some interviews will be undertaken with a group of participants and others will be individual. The date, time and venue will be negotiated with and confirmed by the Project Officer. This interview will seek to explore your opinion about the current competency standards for nurses working in general practice and suggestions for revisions of the current competency standards. The interview may last for between 15-45 minutes. All interviews will be audio-recorded and transcribed for analysis.

POSSIBLE RISKS, INCONVENIENCES AND DISCOMFORTS

Apart from the time taken to complete the interview we anticipate no significant risks associated with your participation. However, where you participate in a focus group there are some potential risks. As the focus groups involve a group of nurses coming together others will know that you have participated in this group and they will hear what you say. All participants will be asked at the beginning of the focus group session to agree to not disclose the identity of other participants or the content of the discussion to others outside the group.

DATA MANAGEMENT

Participants will be able to ask the researchers to exclude any data from the final analysis by contacting the research team. It will only be possible to withdraw data before it is de-identified. All audio data and transcripts will be stored electronically for a period of 5 years following the publication of results before being permanently destroyed as per the Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research 2007.

FUNDING AND BENEFITS OF THE RESEARCH

This study is being funded by the Australian College of Mental Health Nurses Inc. The research will provide a basis for a statement around the role of both enrolled and registered nurses working in general practice in relation to mental health care. Findings from the study will be published in a report and electronic resources as well as likely being published in nursing journals. Confidentiality is assured and participants will not be identified in any part of the research. Decisions regarding participation in the study will not impair any existing or future relationships between the participant and the researchers, the Australian College of Mental Health Nurses Inc. or any other stakeholders involved in the research.

ETHICS REVIEW AND COMPLAINTS

This study has been reviewed by the Human Research Ethics Committee of the University of Wollongong. If you have any concerns or complaints regarding the way this research has been conducted you can contact the UOW Ethics Officer on (02) 4221 3386 or email rso-ethics@uow.edu.au.