



HUMAN ETHICS LOW RISK PANEL APPROVAL NOTICE

Dear Dr Lauren Lines,

The below proposed project has been **approved** on the basis of the information contained in the application and its attachments.

Project No: 2939
Project Title: Safeguarding Project - Delphi Study
Primary Researcher: Dr Lauren Lines
Approval Date: 18/01/2021
Expiry Date: 30/06/2022

Please note: Due to the current COVID-19 situation, researchers are strongly advised to develop a research design that aligns with the University's COVID-19 research protocol involving human studies. Where possible, avoid face-to-face testing and consider rescheduling face-to-face testing or undertaking alternative distance/online data or interview collection means. For further information, please go to <https://staff.flinders.edu.au/coronavirus-information/research-updates>.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF RESEARCHERS AND SUPERVISORS

1. Participant Documentation

Please note that it is the responsibility of researchers and supervisors, in the case of student projects, to ensure that:

- all participant documents are checked for spelling, grammatical, numbering and formatting errors. The Committee does not accept any responsibility for the above mentioned errors.
- the Flinders University logo is included on all participant documentation (e.g., letters of Introduction, information Sheets, consent forms, debriefing information and questionnaires – with the exception of purchased research tools) and the current Flinders University letterhead is included in the header of all letters of introduction. The Flinders University international logo/letterhead should be used and documentation should contain international dialing codes for all telephone and fax numbers listed for all research to be conducted overseas.

2. Annual Progress / Final Reports

In order to comply with the monitoring requirements of the *National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research 2007 (updated 2018)* an annual progress report must be submitted each year on the approval anniversary date for the duration of the ethics approval using the HREC Annual/Final Report Form available online via the ResearchNow Ethics & Biosafety system.

Please note that no data collection can be undertaken after the ethics approval expiry date listed at the top of this notice. If data is collected after expiry, it will not be covered in terms of ethics. It is the responsibility of the researcher to ensure that annual progress reports are submitted on time; and that no data is collected after ethics has expired.

If the project is completed *before* ethics approval has expired please ensure a final report is submitted immediately. If ethics approval for your project expires please either submit (1) a final report; or (2) an extension of time request (using the HREC Modification Form).

For student projects, the Low Risk Panel recommends that current ethics approval is maintained until a student's thesis has been submitted, assessed and finalised. This is to protect the student in the event that reviewers recommend that additional data be collected from participants.

3. Modifications to Project

Modifications to the project must not proceed until approval has been obtained from the Ethics Committee. Such proposed changes / modifications include:

- change of project title;
- change to research team (e.g., additions, removals, researchers and supervisors)
- changes to research objectives;
- changes to research protocol;
- changes to participant recruitment methods;
- changes / additions to source(s) of participants;
- changes of procedures used to seek informed consent;
- changes to reimbursements provided to participants;
- changes to information / documents to be given to potential participants;
- changes to research tools (e.g., survey, interview questions, focus group questions etc);
- extensions of time (i.e. to extend the period of ethics approval past current expiry date).

To notify the Committee of any proposed modifications to the project please submit a Modification Request Form available online via the ResearchNow Ethics & Biosafety system. Please note that extension of time requests should be submitted prior to the Ethics Approval Expiry Date listed on this notice.

4. Adverse Events and/or Complaints

Researchers should advise the Executive Officer of the Ethics Committee on 08 8201-3116 or human.researchethics@flinders.edu.au immediately if:

- any complaints regarding the research are received;
- a serious or unexpected adverse event occurs that effects participants;
- an unforeseen event occurs that may affect the ethical acceptability of the project.

Yours Sincerely,

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on behalf of

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Nurses & midwives are crucial to keeping children safe from abuse and neglect. This study explores how nurses & midwives keep children safe in diverse settings (clinical and non-clinical) across Australia. Registered nurses working with children (birth – 18 years) and midwives in all practice models are invited to participate. [Click here for details.](#)

The project has been approved by Flinders University's Human Research Ethics Committee (ID: 2939)

Registered nurses and midwives invited to participate in research about keeping children safe from abuse and neglect

What is the purpose of this study?

This research explores the nature and scope of nursing and midwifery practices in keeping children safe from abuse and neglect (safeguarding). The research has been approved by Flinders University Social and Behavioural Research Ethics Committee [no. 2939].

Am I eligible to participate?

You are eligible to participate if:

- You are a registered nurse (clinical or non-clinical) working with children in Australia;
OR
- You are a midwife (clinical or non-clinical) working in any practice model in Australia.

What does participation involve?

Participants will be invited to complete a series of online surveys (up to four rounds) over approximately 6-9 months in a technique known as a Delphi survey. The first online survey is available from 09-04-21. Each consecutive round will become available after the researchers have analysed the data and updated the survey items. You will be notified by your nominated email address each time the next round becomes available.

How can I be involved?

For more information, please [click here](#). If you have any questions about participation, please contact Lauren on (08) 8201 7661 or safeguarding@flinders.edu.au