

The Accessibility of Allied Health Reports

Participant Information

This information will help you to decide if you want to join this research.

Who is doing this research?

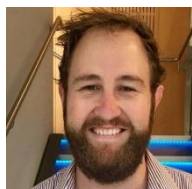


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What is the research about?

This research is about the written reports that allied health professionals give to people with communication disability. People with communication disability have a right to access and understand what is written about them in allied health reports. 'Access' is about being able to read and understand what is written in the reports.

We want to know:

- What do people with communication disability think about written allied health reports?
- How accessible are allied health reports?

Some of the allied health professionals are dietitians, occupational therapists, physiotherapists, psychologists, speech pathologists, and others.

Why have I received this information?

We want to talk to people with a communication disability caused by a lifelong disability. A lifelong disability starts at birth or before the age of 18 years.

This includes Cerebral Palsy, Down Syndrome, Intellectual Disability, Autism and other disabilities.

Do I have to say yes?

You don't have to say yes. You can say yes or no to joining this research.

It is your choice to join this research or not. You can talk to your family, friends, or a support person to help you decide.

Consent means you say yes to joining this research. Your consent is voluntary.

What will happen if I say yes?

- 1.** Harmony will make sure you understand all of the information about the research before you give your consent.
- 2.** If you have a legal guardian, Harmony will also make sure they understand the information about the research before they give their consent.
- 3.** Harmony will invite you to have an interview for about 1 hour:
 - This will be using an online video meeting called Zoom,
 - You can choose to have a support person at the interview,

- Harmony will talk with you about your allied health reports,
 - Harmony will record the interview using the Zoom audio and a video recording. She will use the recordings to study what you said in the interview.
- 4.** Harmony will ask you for copies of up to 4 of your allied health reports.
- You can send these through email or by post.
 - There might be some of your medical information in the reports you give us. If you do not want us to read your medical information we will remove it.
- 5.** After the interview, Harmony will:
- Give you a \$30 gift voucher for volunteering your time
 - Type everything from the audio and video recordings into a transcript,
 - Summarise what you said in the interview,
 - Offer to talk to you through Zoom a 2nd time for about 30 minutes.
- 6.** In the 2nd Zoom interview, Harmony will:
- Tell you a summary of what you said in your interview,
 - Check whether you want to change anything in the summary of what you said in the interview,
 - Record the visit using the Zoom audio and video recorder.

What will happen if I say no, or change my mind?

If you say no to joining this research, we will delete any information we have about you. It is your choice to join this research or not.

If you say yes, you can also change your mind about joining this research.

No one will be upset if you change your mind and want to leave the research.

You can leave the research at any time before we publish the results.

If you want to leave the research, we will delete the information about you and anything you told us. If you gave us documents, we will delete and destroy those too.

Will my information be safe if I say yes?

We will keep your private information safe by doing these things:

- Save documents, audio and video files on a computer that can only be unlocked with a password by the researchers,
- Your interview will not be anonymous, because the researchers know who you are. After the interview we will remove your name and the names of any people, businesses or places when we type what you say in the interview, and in the documents you give us.

We aim to share and publish the results of this research in:

- Research articles,
- Harmony's PhD thesis,

- Podcasts (audio recordings on public websites),
- Workshops for allied health professionals and their employers.

We will share quotes of what you said in the interviews. We **won't** include your name with those quotes.

We will store all your information safely to use in future research that follows-on from this research. We will keep your information safe for 5 years after the last publication, and then we will delete it.

Are there any risks?

There are no major risks if you join this research.

- There is a small risk that you might feel uncomfortable, emotional or tired during the interview. If this happens, Harmony talk with you about what you want to do.
- There is a small risk that other people will recognise you in articles about the research, including your allied health professionals.
 - Only the researchers will hear and read your personal information.
 - We will be careful to remove information about you and other people, businesses or places from the quotes that we use when we share the research results.
 - We **won't** include your name with those quotes.
 - We **won't** share your whole interview in any one article or workshop.

Where can I find more information?

You can watch a video of Harmony talking about this research:

<https://youtu.be/37ytxATqSMg>

You can phone or email Harmony to talk and ask questions about this information:

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What can I do if I have concerns or complaints?

You can talk people at the University of Technology Sydney (UTS) Ethics office.

Tell them this reference number: ETH18-2838. It will be confidential.

Phone: 02 9514 2478

Email: Research.Ethics@uts.edu.au