

Online Survey: The Accessibility of Allied Health Reports

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

Link to the survey: <https://redcap.link/AlliedHealthReports>



Who is doing this research?



Harmony Turnbull is a PhD research student at the University of Technology Sydney (UTS) and a speech pathologist.

She has a lot of experience talking to people with disability of all ages.

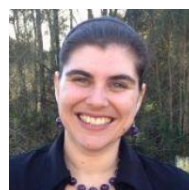
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What is the research about?

This research is about the written reports that allied health professionals write about people with communication disability who also have a lifelong disability.

People with communication disability have a right to access and understand what is written about them in allied health reports.

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

We want to know:

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

We hope that findings from this research will be used to make allied health reports easier to read and understand.

Who can participate?

This survey is for people who:

- are in the support network of a person with communication disability and lifelong disability, and
- have read at least one allied health report about a person with a communication disability caused by a lifelong disability.

People in a support network include parents, siblings, friends, and direct support workers.

A lifelong disability can start 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?

It is your choice to join this research or not. Your consent is voluntary.

What will happen if I say yes?

If you say yes, you will be able to complete the survey which should take approximately 20 minutes.

Start the survey by using this link: <https://redcap.link/AlliedHealthReports>



Can I change my mind?

You can change your mind before finishing the survey. You can leave the survey before you submit your answers. We will not use any of your answers if you leave the survey before you submit your answers.

Is the survey anonymous?

You can stay anonymous when you complete the survey. We will only use the information you give us for the purposes of this research and we will not give it to anyone else without your permission.

At the end of the survey there is a question that you can answer if you want to.

We will ask if you want to give us your name and contact details. If you do this, Harmony will contact you to talk more about your experiences reading allied health reports in a research interview.

You can choose not to give us your name or contact information.

If you do give us your name, we will remove it from your survey before we use your answers in the research.

We will not include any information that might identify you when the results are used in research publications or presentations.

Will my information be safe if I say yes?

We will keep your information confidential and safe.

Your survey answers will be stored on a secure UTS server and will only be read by the researchers doing this research.

We will keep your information safe for 5 years after the last publication, and then we will delete it.

What will you do with my survey answers?

All information you give us in the survey will be anonymous. We will remove any information that could identify people.

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 survey. We won't include your name with those quotes.

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. If this happens, you decide whether to continue or not.

If you find the research difficult or stressful, please contact:

- Beyond Blue: 1300 224 636 or www.beyondblue.org.au
- Lifeline: 13 11 14 or www.lifeline.org.au
- Your mental health professional or your GP who is already familiar with your history.

Where can I find more information?

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

- Phone: 0430 875155
- Email: Harmony.M.Turnbull@student.uts.edu.au

What can I do if I have concerns or complaints?

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

Tell them this reference number: ETH23-8650. It will be confidential.

- Phone: 02 9514 2478
- Email: Research.Ethics@uts.edu.au