

Community health first data project

Participant information statement

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About this document



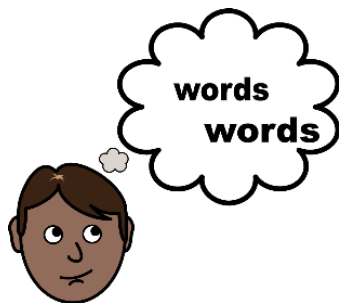
A team from Monash University and Each wrote this document.

When you see the word 'we' or 'us', it means the team from Monash University and Each.

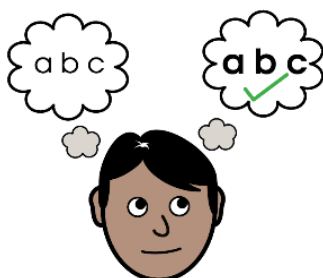


We wrote this document in a way that is easy to read.

We use pictures to explain some ideas.



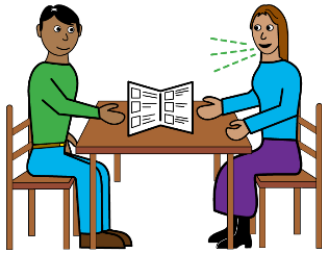
This document has some hard words.



The first time we write a hard word, the word is in **bold**.

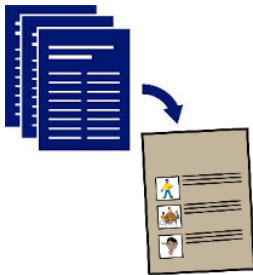
Bold means the letters are thicker and darker.

We write what the hard word means.



You can ask for help to read this document.

A friend, family member or support person may be able to help you.



This document is quite long. It includes a lot of information.



You don't have to read this document all at once.



You can take breaks to read it.

About the research project



This document tells you about the Community Health First **research** project.



Research means looking for information to learn more about something.



Treasury
and Finance



The research project was funded by the **Department of Treasury and Finance, Victorian Government**.

We will say **the Department** for short.



The project includes community health organisations across Victoria.

Why is the project being done?

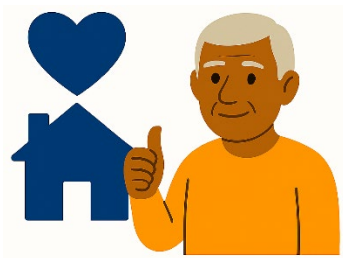


We want to make community health services better.



We want to

- show how services help people stay healthy



- understand how people stay well at home



- learn what works best



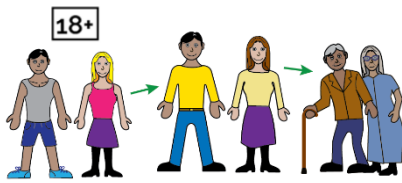
- improve services across Victoria.

Who can take part in this project?

You can take part if you



- live in Australia



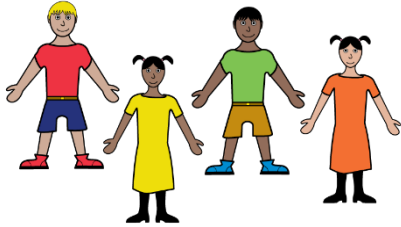
- are 18 years or older



- use a community health service.

Who cannot take part in this project?

You cannot take part if you



- are a child



- use services like
 - family violence support
 - sexual assault support
 - financial counselling

What information will be collected?

We will use 3 types of information.

1. Information services collect about you



This includes

- age
- gender
- country where you were born
- the services you use



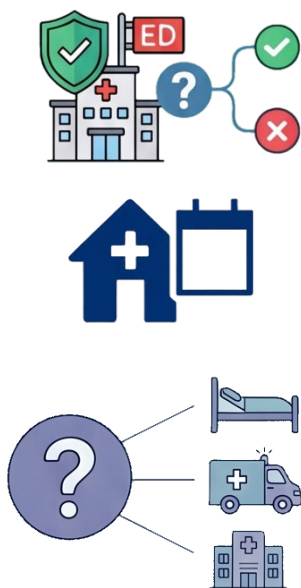
We do not collect information like your

- name
- where you live

2. If you went to hospital or used other services

This includes

- if you went to the emergency department
- how many days you stayed in hospital
- where you would go if community health was not available





3. Your answers to survey questions.

This includes questions about

- your wellbeing.

This survey is called the personal wellbeing index.

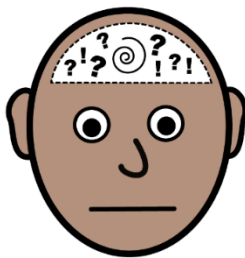


Depending on the surveys you use, you may also be asked questions about



- how your life is going

This survey is called the EQ-5D



- your mental health

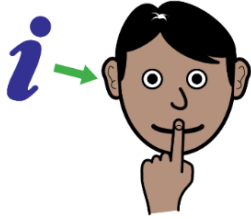
This survey is called the K10.

We will not



- collect information about your job
- identify you
- share your personal story

What happens to my information?



Your information will be kept private and safe.

We will not have access to your personal information, like your



- name
- phone number
- where you live.

We will use a secure code called SLK581.



This code is used by community health services.

It is used to link information.

It does not show who you are.



Your data is stored safely.



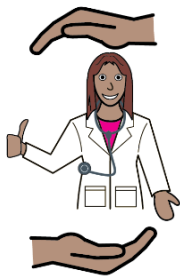
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Do I have to take part?



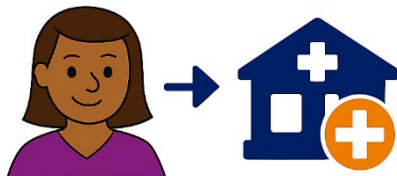
No.

Taking part is your choice.



If you say no

- your care will not change

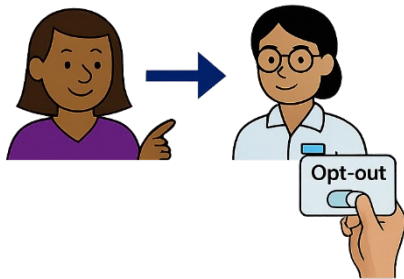


- you will still get the same services

How do I opt out?

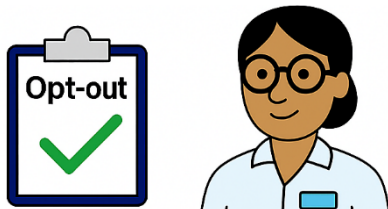


You can opt out at any time.



To opt out

- talk to the receptionist
- tell them you do not want to take part.



They will record your choice.



Some information may already have been shared.

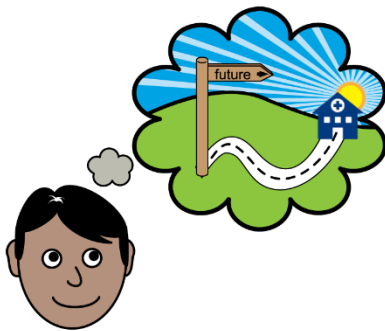
This information may not be able to be removed.

Will the project help me?

Taking part may help



- show how community health services help you and other people.



- make services better in the future.

What if the research project makes me sad?



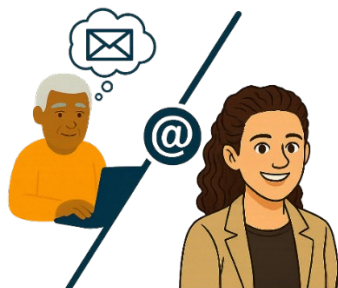
We do not expect this project to

- make you feel sad
- upset you

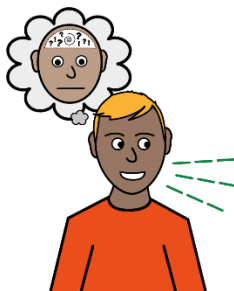


If you do need to talk to someone, you can email

- Em Bould at em.bould@monash.edu



- Sara Whittaker at sara.whittaker@monash.edu



Em and Sara will help you find someone to talk to.

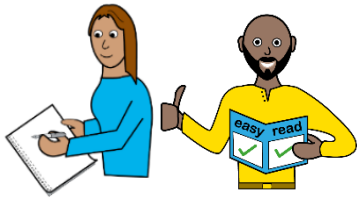
Do I get any money for taking part in the project?



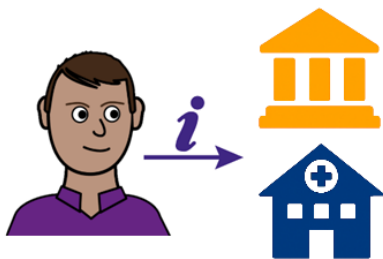
No.

You will not get any money for taking part.

How will the results be shared?



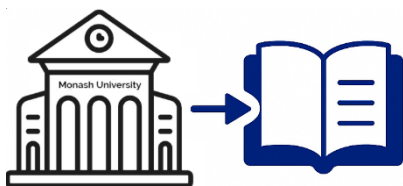
We will write a report about what we learn from this project.



We will give the report to

- the Department
- community health organisations.

The results will also be shared



- in a university research project



- in a **journal**.

A **journal** is like a magazine.

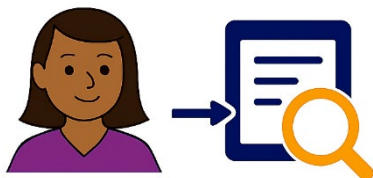


- at **conferences**.

A **conference** is when people meet to talk about important things.

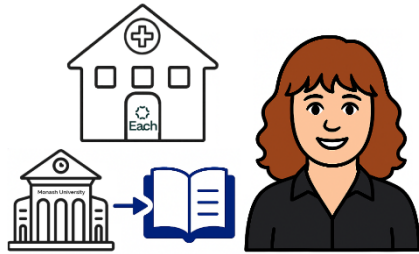


- on social media



You can ask for a summary of the results.

Keeping the project fair



Natalie Sullivan

- works at Each (a community health service in this project)
- is also a student working on this project.



To keep things fair

- the team from Monash University will talk to people in the study



- the team from Each will not do this.

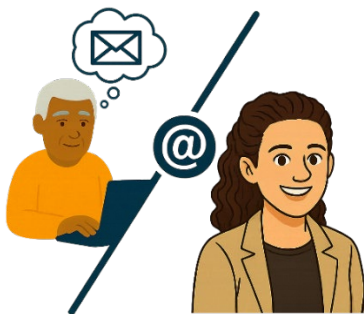
What if I want more information?



If you have any questions, you can email

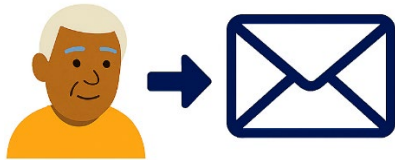


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What if there is a problem?



If you are not happy at any time, please email



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- Sara Whittaker at sara.whittaker@monash.edu



If you want to complain formally you can do this too.



You can

- call the Executive Officer, from the Monash University Human Research Ethics Committee on 03 9905 2052



- email the Executive Officer at muhrec@monash.edu

The project ID is 47768.

They will ask you for this when you contact them.



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