

Participant Information – Research project

Exploring the reasons for having nominees in the NDIS

1 Invitation

Baptcare is carrying out an evaluation of the reasons that people choose to have a nominee appointed and/or why people act as a nominee for a participant of the NDIS. As you are a person with an appointed nominee or a nominee for a person, we would like to extend an invitation to you to participate in this study that will take place from July 2020 to November 2020.

2 Why is Baptcare doing this research?

As a Partner in the Community with the NDIS, Baptcare is committed to the principal of choice and control. A nominee may be appointed to ascertain the wishes of a participant and promote the personal and social wellbeing of the participant by either assisting the person to receive and understand communications from the NDIS and/or participating in the decision making processes.

Baptcare is conducting interviews with participants of the NDIS and nominees to examine the reasons that someone has a nominee appointed or acts a nominee.

3 Why have I been invited to participate?

You are invited to participate because you are a participant of the NDIS or a nominee appointed to a participant of the NDIS. There are no consequences if you decide not to participate

4 What am I asked to do?

We would like to invite you to take part in this study by participating in an interview with the Senior Researcher. The interviews will be audio recorded and transcribed and an interpreter will be provided if required. The interview questions will be broad, allowing you to discuss any aspects that you feel are most important to the study. Interviews will take place over the phone or via a virtual platform.

5 Are there any possible benefits from participation in this study?

It is proposed that this study will provide benefits through:

1. Establishing the reason's for participants having nominees appointed under the NDIS
2. Determining if a supported decision making methodology were readily available, would this be beneficial to participants in the NDIS and their nominees.
3. Providing results to the NDIA for consideration when developing frameworks and policy

6 Are there any possible risks from participation in this study?

We do not anticipate any risks for participants. If you do become distressed as a result of completing the interviews, please contact Baptcare.

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7 What if I change my mind during or after the study?

You are free to withdraw from participation in the research at any time, and you can do so without providing an explanation. If you withdraw, your interview data will be removed from the study.

8 What will happen to the information when this study is over?

The raw data will be kept for 7 years from the date of first publication in secure storage in the Baptcare research archive. All the information you provide will be treated confidentially. You will be provided with a summary of the results when they are available, if you request one.

9 How will the results of the study be published?

You will not be identifiable in the presentation or publication of the results of this research unless you have provided express consent to be identified. Results will be published in a report and shared with the NDIA and may be published as a journal article.

10 Complaints

If you have any complaints about the way in which this study is being conducted please contact, Monash University Ethics Committee on 03 990 51478, email managerresearchethics@monash.edu.au

11 Ethics

The ethical aspects of this study have been reviewed by the Monash University Human Research Ethics Committee (MUHREC) and the study complies with the NHMRC's National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research 2007 and subsequent amendments.

This information sheet is for you to keep.

If you have any questions about this study, please contact Emily Daniels from Baptcare: edaniels@baptcare.org.au