
INFORMATION SHEET

Positive Behaviour Support Practitioners

Title: Time and Resource Allocation in Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) processes: The perspective of PBS practitioners.

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Description of the study

This study is part of the project titled “Examining Time and Resource Allocation of Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) Processes: The Perspective of PBS Practitioners”. This project will investigate the practicalities of providing PBS to NDIS participants more specifically the hours that are allocated to PBS processes. This project is supported by Flinders University, College of Nursing and Health Sciences.

Purpose of the study

This project aims to examine the experiences of Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) Practitioners in providing support to individuals using PBS funded hours under the NDIS. Specifically, time and resource issues will be looked at in addition to current practices, recommendations for best practice and compliance issues within the Australian NDIS context. This preliminary insight will also be critical for informing policy and practice.

What will I be asked to do?

You will be eligible to participate if you meet the following inclusion criteria:

- Currently supporting NDIS participant that receive PBS funding within their NDIS plan.
- Have experience providing PBS to participants that are NDIS funded and participants funded by other sources.
- Have a minimum of 4 years of experience in developing and implementing PBS.

You will be invited to participate in a semi-structured interview with a researcher who will ask you questions regarding how PBS funded hours are used across the execution of PBS processes and what your recommendations would be in relation to time and resource allocation when implementing high quality PBS to NDIS participants. Participation is entirely voluntary. The interview will take about 45 minutes. The interview will be audio recorded and then transcribed to help with reviewing the results. Once recorded, the interview will be transcribed verbatim, de-identified and stored on a password protected computer.

What benefit will I gain from being involved in this study?

Although this research may not benefit you directly, the sharing of your experiences and expertise will provide important insight as to how NDIS funded PBS hours are being allocated and used across PBS processes for participants. Your expertise will also contribute to recommendations specific to time and resource allocation regarding the development and implementation of PBS informed by best practice.

Will I be identifiable by being involved in this study?

Your participation will be anonymous, any identifying information will be removed, and your comments will not be linked directly to you. All information and results obtained in this study will be stored in a secure way, with access restricted to the research team.

Are there any risks or discomforts if I am involved?

There are few risks anticipated from your involvement in this study; however, given the nature of the project, you may experience emotional discomfort. If any emotional discomfort is experienced, please contact Lifeline on 13 11 44 for support / counselling. This may be accessed free of charge by all participants. If you have any concerns regarding anticipated or actual risks or discomforts, please raise them with the primary researcher.

How do I agree to participate?

Participation is voluntary. You may answer 'no comment' or refuse to answer any questions, and you are free to withdraw from the interview at any time without effect or consequences. A consent form accompanies this information sheet. If you agree to participate, please read and sign the form and send it back to Sarah Pepper (primary researcher) at pepp0030@flinders.edu.au

How will I receive feedback?

On project completion, outcomes of the project will be given to all participants via email / post / website.

Thank you for taking the time to read this information sheet, and we hope that you will accept our invitation to be involved.

This research project has been approved by the Flinders University Social and Behavioural Research Ethics Committee in South Australia (Project number 8648). For queries regarding the ethics approval of this project please contact the Executive Officer of the Committee via telephone on +61 8 8201 3116 or email human.researchethics@flinders.edu.au