

PLAIN LANGUAGE STATEMENT AND CONSENT FORM



TO: Participant

Plain Language Statement

Date: 25 March 2024

Full Project Title: Barriers and Enablers for Midwifery Antenatal and Postnatal Service (MAPS) Implementation in Australia

Principal Researcher: Dr Vidanka Vasilevski

Associate Researcher(s): Dr Anna Chapman, Professor Linda Sweet, Associate Professor Allison Cummins, Ms Lucy Gladwell, Adjunct Professor Tanya Farrell, Ms Sally Miller.

1. Introduction

You are invited to participate in this research project, 'Barriers and Enablers for Midwifery Antenatal and Postnatal Service (MAPS) Implementation in Australia.' This is because you are involved in delivering maternity care in an Australian maternity service. The research project aims to understand the barriers and enablers for implementation of Midwifery Antenatal and Postnatal Service (MAPS) in maternity services across Australia.

This Plain Language Statement tells you about the research project. It explains what participation involves. Knowing what is involved will help you decide if you want to participate in the research.

Please read this information carefully. Ask questions about anything you do not understand or want to know more about. Before deciding whether or not to take part, you might want to talk about it with a colleague, relative, or friend.

Participation in this research is voluntary. If you don't wish to take part, you don't have to. We recommend that you save a copy of this Participant Information Sheet to keep.

2. What is the purpose of this research?

The purpose of this research is to understand barriers and facilitators to MAPS implementation from the perspectives of maternity service stakeholders across Australia.

3. What does participation in this research involve?

We are inviting you to participate in an interview, either by Zoom or by phone, which may take up to one hour. The interview discussion will explore your experiences of attempting to implement a MAPS model and what factors supported or impacted implementation. The discussion will be audio-recorded and professionally transcribed for analysis.

If you decide to participate in an interview, we will obtain your verbal consent at the beginning of the discussion. Giving consent means that you:

- Understand what you have read

- Consent to take part in the research project
- Consent to the research that is described
- Consent to the use of your personal information as described.

4. Do I have to take part in this research project?

Participation in any research project is voluntary. If you do not wish to participate, you do not have to. Your decision whether to take part or not to take part, or to take part and then withdraw, will not affect your relationship with Deakin University or any researchers on the team.

5. What are the possible benefits of taking part?

We cannot guarantee or promise that you will receive any benefits from this research, however, the information you provide will help us understand how best to implement a MAPS model in Australian maternity services. You will receive a \$30 Prezee gift card as a thank-you for your time.

6. What are the possible risks and disadvantages of taking part?

We believe there are minimal risks associated with your participation. You will not be asked to tell us anything that you do not wish to, and we will not identify you or any organisation you are affiliated with in the data that we report. Though unlikely, it is possible that some questions may cause you discomfort. If they do, or you would like to discuss these feelings, we suggest you contact one of the organisations listed below.

- Your General Practitioner (GP)
- Your organisation's employee assistance program (EAP)
- Lifeline (a free 24-hour counselling service): Ph: 13 11 14

7. When can I withdraw from this research project?

If you do consent to participate, you may withdraw at any time, please notify a member of the research team before you withdraw. If you do withdraw, you will be asked to complete and sign a 'Withdrawal of Consent' form (see attached form); this will be provided to you by the research team.

8. What happens when the research project ends?

It is anticipated that the results of this research project will be published and/or presented in various forums, such as peer education sessions, conferences, and journal publications. In any publication and/or presentation, information will be presented in a grouped (aggregate form) so that no one can be individually identified. If you wish to receive a copy of these, please advise chief investigator, Dr Vidanka Vasilevski by email or phone using the details below.

9. What happens to the information about me?

By consenting to participate, you consent to the research staff collecting and using personal information you provide. Any information obtained in connection with this research project that can identify you will remain confidential. The audio file and subsequent transcript will be de-identified and securely stored on a password-protected computer. Only the research team will have access to this data. All data will be destroyed 7 years after completion of the project in line with National and Deakin University guidelines at the time of destruction.

10. Who is organising and funding the project?

Researchers from Deakin University, Western Health, and the University of Newcastle are conducting this research. No member of the research team will receive a personal financial benefit from your involvement in this research project (other than their ordinary wages). The study is funded by Deakin University's internal funding.

11. Who has reviewed the research project?

The ethical aspects of this research project have been approved by the Deakin University Human Research Ethics Committee.

This project will be carried out according to the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research (2007 and updates). This statement has been developed to protect the interests of people who agree to participate in human research studies.

12. Further information and who to contact

The person you may need to contact will depend on the nature of your query.

If you want any further information concerning this project or you want to take part in an interview, you can contact Dr Vidanka Vasilevski.

For more information

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Complaints

If you have any complaints about any aspect of the project, the way it is being conducted or any questions about your rights as a research participant, then you may contact:

The Human Research Ethics Office, Deakin University, 221 Burwood Highway, Burwood Victoria 3125, Telephone: 9251 7129, research-ethics@deakin.edu.au

Please quote project number [\[HEAG-H 106_2024\]](#).



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Withdrawal of Consent Form

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I hereby wish to WITHDRAW my consent to participate in the above research project and understand that such withdrawal WILL NOT jeopardise my relationship with Deakin University, Western Health, or University of Newcastle.

Participant's Name (printed)

Signature Date

Please post or email this form to:

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