

Participant Information Statement



[Participant group – Delphi Study]

Research Study: Workforce Development in Integrated Care a Global Perspective

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1. What is this study about?

We are conducting a research study about integrated care workforce development. The purpose of this study is to analyse the interactions between integrated care education experts globally to explore what competencies are needed to practice integrated care and to identify best practice models to implement these competencies. Taking part in this study is voluntary.

You have been invited to participate in this study because of your experience and expertise in integrated care, with a focus on workforce development. This Participant Information Statement tells you about the research study. Knowing what is involved will help you decide if you want to take part in the study. Please read this sheet carefully and ask questions about anything that you don't understand or want to know more about.

2. Who is running the study?

The study is being carried out by the following researchers:

- Chief Investigator
Associate Professor Jennifer Smith-Merry,
Head of Discipline, Behavioral and Social Sciences in Health,
University of Sydney
- Student Investigator Ms Frances Barraclough (PhD student) University of Sydney
- Co-Investigator Dr Sabrina Pit
- Investigator Dr Viktoria Stein

Frances Barraclough is conducting this study as the basis for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at The University of Sydney.

3. Who can take part in the study?

Targeted invitations have been sent via email and by expression of interest through the International Foundation of Integrated Care newsletters.

You have been invited to take part in this study because you have been identified as an expert in education and training in integrated care, either by a recent scoping review, purposeful snowballing technique or self-identified.

4. What will the study involve for me?

If you decide to take part in this study, you will be asked to complete two separate questionnaires. Each questionnaire will take approximately 20mins to complete.

5. Can I withdraw once I've started?

Being in this study is completely voluntary and you do not have to take part.

Your decision will not affect your current or future relationship with the researchers or anyone else at The University of Sydney.

If you decide to take part in the study and then change your mind you can withdraw by contacting the Chief Investigator.

You can withdraw from the study up to 1 month after the time of your survey. After that point you will not be able to withdraw because data will be synthesised. Please let us know at the time you withdraw what you would like us to do with information we have collected about you up to that point.

6. Are there any risks or costs?

Aside from giving up your time, we do not expect that there will be any risks or costs associated with taking part in this study.

7. Are there any benefits?

You will not receive any direct benefits from being in the study.

8. What will happen to information that is collected?

By completing the questionnaire this will indicate your consent, you are agreeing to us collecting information about you for the purposes of this study.

Any information you provide us will be stored securely and we will only disclose it with your permission, unless we are required by law to release information. We are planning for the study findings to be published.

You will not be individually identifiable in these publications.

9. Will I be told the results of the study?

You have a right to receive feedback about the overall results of this study. You will be sent a summary of the research findings if you indicate this on the questionnaire and provide your contact details

This feedback will be in the form of a brief lay summary.

10. What if I would like further information?

When you have read this information, the university researcher will be available to discuss it with you further and answer any questions you may have. If you would like to know more at any stage during the study, please feel free to contact Frances Barraclough, frances.barraclough@sydney.edu.au +61 2 66207267

11. What if I have a complaint or any concerns?

The ethical aspects of this study have been approved by the Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) of The University of Sydney [INSERT HREC Approval No. once obtained] according to the *National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research (2007)*.

If you are concerned about the way this study is being conducted or you wish to make a complaint to someone independent from the study, please contact the University:

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