

Mental Health Families and Friends Tasmania Recruitment

Primary Health Tasmania (PHT) and the Black Dog Institute (BDI) have partnered to deliver a project that aims to improve the capacity of pharmacists to identify and respond to people in distress and at risk of suicide. The project is supported by The Pharmaceutical Society Australia, the Pharmacy Guild of Australia and Curtin University and is part of PHT's ongoing work for the National Suicide Prevention Trial.

Part of the project focuses on improving safety and reducing access to the means of suicide, by looking at Staged Supply services. These services aim to improve the safety and quality use of medicines by providing PBS medicines in instalments when requested by the prescriber. Staged Supply services are designed to assist patients who are at risk of drug dependency or who are otherwise unable to manage their medicines safely.

Are you interested in sharing your experience as a family member or friend of a person on staged supply due to risk of suicide, with an academic research team from Curtin University?

As someone who has supported people during suicidal crises, has had multiple encounters with the healthcare system, and as such the research team would like to hear about your experiences.

The aim of the interview would be to gain a better understanding of the healthcare experiences of people who support someone through a suicidal crisis.

Questions would explore experiences with:

- the medical practitioner prescribing a staged supply of their medication,
- the process of presenting the prescription to a community pharmacy and
- receiving the staged supply of their medication.

The information gathered in the interview will help the research team to look across different people's experiences and create a generalised representation of this experience for the purpose of identifying gaps, issues and areas for improvement in existing care.

For some people, talking about their experiences can be helpful—the interview is an opportunity to express thoughts and feelings and to be listened to without judgement. However, it can also bring up some unhappy memories.

Information provided will be confidential and your interview transcript will be anonymized.

Participation is voluntary.

Please contact Dr Joanna Moullin from Curtin University for full Participant Information at Joanna.Moullin@curtin.edu.au or 08 9266 7376.

Curtin University Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) has approved this study ((HRE2020-0106). Should you wish to discuss the study with someone not directly involved, in particular, any matters concerning the conduct of the study or your rights as a participant, or you wish to make a confidential complaint, you may contact the Ethics Officer on (08) 9266 9223 or the Manager, Research Integrity on (08) 9266 7093 or email hrec@curtin.edu.au.