

Effective transition from school to post-school pathways for young people with intellectual disabilities

INFORMATION SHEET – INTERVIEW

Kia ora,

Who am I?

My name is Diana McKelvie-Newport. I am currently undertaking a small research project as part of my Master of Applied Social Work programme in the School of Social Work, Massey University. The aim of this research is to explore social service practitioners' perspectives on what constitutes good practice in supporting the transition of young people with intellectual disabilities from school to post-school pathways.

The purpose of this letter is to invite you to be part of my research project.

What is this research about?

I am interested in exploring the following areas related to transition pathways for young people with intellectual disabilities::

- Your understanding of “good practice” in transition support
- the strategies and approaches you use to support transitions
- challenges you may face in delivering the service,
- collaboration with whānau, schools and other agencies during transition
- key factors that you consider crucial to the success of transitions
- how good practice could be strengthened or supported
- whether effective transition look different for Māori, Pacific Islanders or any other cultures apart from Pākehā

Why am I being asked to take part?

I am inviting you to participate in my research if you meet the following criteria:

- Be a social services professional who works with young people with intellectual disabilities in transition from school to post-school pathways.
- Have supported the transition process from school to post-school pathways for at least 1 service user.

What will I be asked to do?

It is anticipated that the interview will take approximately 45 minutes and will be recorded. The precise timing of the interview and the location will be negotiated with you. The interview will be short, simple and semi-structured and no discomfort to participants is anticipated. You may request to see the interview schedule prior to the interview if you wish.

As a token of my appreciation and respect for participants knowledge, I will reciprocate by providing a gift of a \$30 Prezzy Card at the conclusion of the interview.

If you agree to take part in my research project, can you please complete the attached consent form and return it to me via email at Diana.Mckelvie.1@uni.massey.ac.nz before the interview.

If you have any concerns about the process of gathering the interview data, you can contact my supervisor. Contact details are provided at the end of this information sheet.

What will happen to the data?

The interview data will be used for answering my research aim, as described above. If any transcription is needed, I will do this myself, so that the data remains confidential. Data and the consent forms will be safely stored on my password protected computer while the project is being completed and will be destroyed once my research report has been examined.

No names or other identifying details of individuals or organisations will be used in the report or publications. Findings may also be used in publications arising from the research.

What rights do I have?

You are under no obligation to accept this invitation. If you decide to participate, you have the right to:

- Decline to answer any questions;
- Withdraw from the study up until data is analysed;
- Ask any questions about the study at any time during participation;
- Provide information on the understanding that your name will not be used;
- Be given access to a summary of the project findings when it is concluded;
- Ask for the recorder to be turned off at any time during the interview.

Please do not hesitate to contact either me or my supervisor at any time if you have any questions about the project. Contact details are as follows:

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This project has been reviewed and approved by the Massey University Human Ethics Ohu Matatika 3, Application OM3 25/75. If you have any concerns about the conduct of this research, please contact the Chairperson, Massey University Human Ethics Ohu Matatika 3, email humanethics3@massey.ac.nz

Thank you for considering this request.

Yours sincerely,

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