

## **PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET**

(Questionnaire – Individual Participant)

### **Project title: Professionals' Experiences and Understandings of Coercion in Abortion Related Decision Making in Aotearoa New Zealand**

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### **Researcher introduction**

My name is Eileen Joy, and I am a Research Fellow and Professional Teaching Fellow at the University of Auckland within the School of Social Practice in the Faculty of Arts and Education. I am also a Registered Social Worker.

### **Overview of the Project**

We are inviting you to participate in an exploratory project examining reproductive coercion in the context of pregnancy and abortion decision-making. In Aotearoa New Zealand, the most recent research on reproductive coercion was conducted prior to the 2020 law reform that decriminalised abortion. As the social, relational, and service contexts surrounding abortion-related care may have shifted since this change, we are interested in understanding professional observations and reflections in the post-law reform environment.

The study seeks to gather professional insights into changes noted in practice since decriminalisation, with particular attention to social and relational dynamics, including situations where individuals may experience pressure or influence in pregnancy or abortion decisions. We are interested in general patterns and professional perspectives rather than specific cases. Please do not include any client identifying information in your responses.

### **Project Procedures**



Participation involves completing this anonymous online questionnaire. No identifying information or IP addresses will be collected, and your responses cannot be linked to your identity.



At the end of the questionnaire, you will have the option to provide contact details for a follow-up interview via a separate form. This contact form is stored independently from any interview data and cannot be linked to your questionnaire responses.

Participation is voluntary. You may exit the survey at any time before submission or choose not to answer any question. The questionnaire will take approximately 20–30 minutes to complete.

### **Support if you Experience Distress**

If you feel distress at any time, you may pause or end the questionnaire. You may also seek support from a qualified professional of your choice, or from the following support services:

You may wish to seek support from someone you trust, such as:

- If you belong to a profession that requires supervision, access your supervisor
- Your Kaumātua or supportive person(s) within your whānau, hapū, or iwi
- Your union representative
- Employee Assistance Programme (if this is something your employer provides)

You may also find the following support services helpful:

- **SHINE** – 0508 744 633
- **Shakti** – 0800 742 584
- **HELP Auckland** – 0800 623 170
- **Lifeline** – 0800 543 354 or free text **HELP** to **4357**

### **Data storage/retention/destruction/future use**

Qualtrics is a secure browser-based software system. Your data will be stored within the Qualtrics online storage system which can only be accessed by members of the research team. At the end of the data collection period all questionnaire research data, will also be saved and stored securely on a University of Auckland Research Drive and deleted from Qualtrics. Only the Principal, Co-Investigators, and the Student Researchers will have access to the raw data. Data will be archived digitally for six years following the completion of the research. After this time, all electronic data will be permanently deleted from the University of Auckland secure storage system.

### **Anonymity, confidentiality and privacy**

The questionnaire hyperlink that you used to access this questionnaire does not collect your name or email address. We have also ensured that the ‘anonymize responses’ setting is switched on. This setting means that Qualtrics will not record your IP address, location data, or contact information.

At the end of this questionnaire, you will be asked if you would like to participate in a more in-depth participant interview. If you choose this option, you will be able to click a hyperlink to another Qualtrics site where you will be asked to submit your contact information (name, email, phone number, and profession). This data cannot be linked to your questionnaire responses. The ‘anonymize responses’ setting is also switched on for this form, meaning that we will only have access to the data you personally provide.

### **Benefits of Taking Part**

You have been invited to participate because of your professional experience in abortion-related care. While we are unable to provide a token of appreciation (such as a voucher) for your time we anticipate that your insights are valuable for understanding how reproductive coercion may be



presenting in current practice contexts in Aotearoa New Zealand. Such insights may help inform future improvements in professional practice. Your contribution will help build knowledge for professionals and allied disciplines working in abortion-related services in Aotearoa New Zealand. If you have any questions about this project or your involvement, please contact the Principal Investigator, Eileen Joy, for further information.

### **Research Dissemination**

Your data will be used to inform peer-reviewed journal articles, book chapters, academic conferences, community hui, and student thesis and/or dissertation work.

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