



EVALUATION OF THE MIDWIFERY FIRST YEAR OF PRACTICE PROGRAMME

INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROJECT, AND INFORMED CONSENT

You are invited to be in an evaluation of the Midwifery First Year of Practice (MFYP) programme. This evaluation is being carried out by *Allen + Clarke* for the Ministry of Health. You can choose not to take part, and if you choose to take part and then change your mind later, you can pull out of the evaluation by contacting us (there is contact information below). Please read this form and ask any questions you have before deciding whether to be in the evaluation.

What is the evaluation about?

The purpose is to evaluate the MFYP programme to determine how effective it is, identify issues and challenges currently facing MFYP mentees, m and consumers, identify opportunities for improvement, and provide future direction. The results and findings from this evaluation are expected to be reported to Ministry of Health in December 2017, after which the Ministry of Health may make the report public.

MFYP mentee case studies

You are invited to participate in one of ten case studies with midwives currently undertaking, or recently completed, the MFYP programme, including independent/self-employed LMCs and midwives employed through primary, secondary, and tertiary maternity facilities. We will also include a mix of rural and urban-based midwives, and we will select some midwives working in areas of higher population-level ethnic diversity, and some from areas where there is relatively high social deprivation.

These case-studies will address multiple evaluation objectives through interviews with ten mentee LMC and DHB midwives and their mentors. Ideally each case study will also include two of the following:

- a midwifery colleague from their time on the MFYP programme (if appropriate)
- another health professional they worked with during the MFYP year (if appropriate/known)
- the consumer representative that was on your Midwifery Standards Review panel (if appropriate/available)

The write up of these case studies will be anonymous, and pseudonyms will be used interviewees for all interviewees and individual workplaces will not be identified.

All case study participants will be provided with a \$50 grocery voucher in appreciation for their involvement.

What is involved for those taking part?

If you agree to be in this evaluation, we would ask you to be involved in one 20-30-minute interview via Zoom (an online video conferencing tool) or telephone. For interviewees based in Wellington, you will have the option of a face-to-face interview if you would prefer.

Do I have to take part in the evaluation?

You do not have to take part in this evaluation. You may stop taking part at any time. If you stop taking part, the information you have contributed to the study that has not entered the analysis process will be removed from the study. Your decision whether to take part will not affect your current or future relations with the Ministry of Health or *Allen + Clarke*.

Are there any risks and benefits of taking part?

This evaluation has no known risks and there is no risk of personal injury through the activities planned for this research. There are no direct personal benefits from taking part in this evaluation.

How will my privacy be protected?

In any reports or public presentations, we will not include information that would make it possible for someone to identify you.

Only team members from the *Allen + Clarke* MFYP Evaluation project will have access to the records and audio files. Research records will be kept secure at *Allen + Clarke* for five years, and then they will be destroyed.

A summary of the information we collect from you will be supplied to you, so that you can check that we have correctly interpreted what you have told us.

Who can answer my questions about the project?

You can contact the Project Manager, Jacqui Haggland, on 04 890 7304 or jhaggland@allenandclarke.co.nz. If you choose to participate in a case study you will be talking with either Jacqui Haggland or Patricia Vermillion Peirce. You can ask them any questions you have about the evaluation at the time of the interview.

Dr Paul Watson from Health Workforce New Zealand at the Ministry of Health is also available on paul_watson@moh.govt.nz Any of these people will be happy to answer questions about the project.

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