

What are my rights?

If they choose to be a part of the project, children and young people have a number of rights in how they take part and how the researchers work with them.

This means, children and young people have a right to:

- Be **informed** about the project and your involvement in it.
- **Choose** whether you get involved, how you get involved in the project and whether you want to **continue being involved**.
- Be **treated with respect** and to **not be harmed** or negatively affected because of your involvement.
- To **not be discriminated against** because of who you are or what your background is.
- To **benefit from the project**.
- To **stop** at any time.
- To **complain** if you are not happy about how you are treated.

If you're ever confused about what this means, please ask the researchers Tim or Morag and they will help explain this to you.



What if I have some more questions about the project?

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Tim Moore during work days.

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What if I have a complaint about this project?

If you or your guardian have any ethical concerns about the project or questions about your rights as a participant please contact the Executive Officer. It is their job to make sure that research is conducted in an ethical way.

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Exploring Issues of Safety with Children and Young People who have had experience in hospitals or health services



Information Brochure for Interviews

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What's the project about?

Children and young people in all environments have a right to feel safe. This includes a right to feel safe when they're being looked after in hospital, residential care, schools and when they're getting help from children's and youth services.

For this project, we want to talk to children and young people and find out: What safety means to them, the things that help them feel safe, and how well they think adults are doing at keeping them safe.

We want to know all of these things so that we can help adults create a safe space for children and young people, and help support children and young people when they are worried about their safety.

What are we asking children and young people to do?

Children and young people are invited to participate in an interview where they will talk about their understanding and experiences of safety.

The interview will take about 45-90 minutes and can be in-person, online, or over the phone.

What are we going to do with what children and young people tell us?

We will be writing a report that tells people what children and young people think about safety in hospitals and health services, and how adults might help them be and feel safe there .

Because we think it's important for other adults to hear what children and young people have to say, we might also share what we learnt in articles and presentations.

Will people know what I've said?

Everything that children and young people talk about in their interview will be kept confidential. This means that if decide to join the project, the researchers won't tell anyone else that you were interviewed or what you said in your interview.

The only time the researchers might tell someone what you said, is if we were worried about your safety or the safety of others.

To say thank you, everyone who takes part in the project will be given a voucher to a music store or the cinema.

Who will I be talking to?

The interviews will be run by **Tim Moore** and **Morag McArthur** who have spent a lot of time talking to children and young people about lots of different topics.

What if I don't want to be a part of the project?

Your involvement in the project is completely voluntary. This means that children and young people who don't want to be a part of the project will not be interviewed.

What happens if I get upset?

If the researchers ask a question that you don't like or don't feel like answering, you don't have to answer.

If you feel upset, you can choose to stop and leave the interview whenever you want.

The researchers will make sure there is somebody who can help you if you start feeling upset.

What do I do if I want to be a part of the project?

If you would like to be a part of the project, you and your parent/guardian need to read and sign the 'Consent Form' and contact Tim on 0410629211.