

RE: Invitation to participate in a research project: Capturing patient disability information in a Voluntary Patient Registration scheme for General Practice in Australia

Our research team at the University of Sydney is conducting stakeholder consultation to inform development of questions about disability for possible inclusion in a Voluntary Patient Registration (VPR) form for General Practice.

The Australian Government is considering introducing VPR so that people can choose to register with their general practice and nominate their preferred General Practitioner. The VPR form will include optional questions to record selected information about patients, including disability.

It is important for multiple stakeholders to have input into how patient disability information is captured in the VPR form. The purpose of this research is to gather input from:

- Representatives from Disabled People's Organisations (DPOs)
- Representatives from health consumer organisations
- Primary health care sector personnel

This research is being undertaken by the University of Sydney and has been commissioned by the Australian Government Department of Health. Further details can be found in the attached Participant Information Statement.

General practitioners and non-clinical general practice staff represent an important stakeholder constituency for the VPR initiative. **We therefore invite up to two GPs and/or practice nurses and two non-clinical staff from your practice to participate in a one hour focus group during September 2021.**

Those interested in participating should email Ms Imelda Noti (imelda.noti@sydney.edu.au) by Wednesday 22 September.

Ms Noti will provide further information about the project and answer any questions. Focus group participants will be provided with a Participant Information Statement and a Participant Consent Form.

I am also available if you wish to contact me with queries about the project. My email address is: gwynnyth.llewellyn@sydney.edu.au

With best wishes,

Professor Gwynnyth Llewellyn

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