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Survey: Defining our own outcomes

**IF YOU COMPLETE THIS SURVEY YOU CONSENT TO BEING PART
OF THIS RESEARCH PROJECT**

Participant Information Statement

What is the project about?

We are interested in your views about the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations (ACCHOs) national Key Performance Indicators (nKPIs) and how these work in your organisation. The nKPIs form part of the National Indigenous Reform Agreement (NIRA) which was developed between the Federal and jurisdictional governments to underpin a national response to Closing the Gap. It describes the objectives, outcomes, outputs, performance indicators and performance benchmarks agreed to by the Coalition of Australian Governments (COAG). These nKPI's were started in 2012 and have now been in place for four years. We are interested to find out how their introduction has affected ACCHOs.

Participation is voluntary and you are free to withdraw at any time.

How is the project being conducted?

The project has three parts:

- Phase 1: is a review of the literature to understand what has been reported about the effectiveness of Performance Indicators internationally and for the nKPIs.
- Phase 2: seeks to understand in-depth how the nKPIs impact ACCHOs locally and nationally.
- Phase 3: will combine the results from the first two phases to develop a set of recommendation aimed at improving the nKPIs.

Who is involved in the research?

This research project is being conducted by the Centre of Research Excellence in Aboriginal Health Knowledge Translation and Exchange (CREATE). CREATE is a collaboration between Wardliparingga Aboriginal Research Unit at South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute (SAHMRI), National Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation and School of Public Health and Joanna Briggs Institute, University of Adelaide. Professor Alex Brown is the principle investigator on CREATE.

What benefits can come from this study?

This study seeks to understand the personal perspective of staff working within the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health sector at a variety of levels. Through this process we aim to understand the impact of the nKPIs on ACCHOs and the barriers and enablers to implementing them.

We will be using this information to develop recommendations for nKPIs and their measurement that deliver better health outcomes and reflect the needs, aspirations of Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations.

The information gained from this study will be regularly fed back and formally integrated into a series of community reports with the view to stimulating productive dialogue on ways forward for the nKPIs.

What information will participation involve?

We would like to invite you to complete the following survey about the nKPIs. There is no financial benefit for engaging in the project.

All information will remain confidential. Confidentiality is important to us and you will not be personally identified in any reporting. Study information will be stored in a securely locked file at the South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute and will be accessed only by study team members. Nothing written in reports will link you personally to the study.

How the information will be used

The information you provide will only be used for the purposes of this study and no other, without your express permission. Information from this study may be published in journals, conferences and/or books.

Risks or harms associated with the project

We do not envisage that there will be any risks associated with participating in this study. However, the proceedings of the interview will be tape recorded. If you wish to stop the recording you may ask for the tape recorder to be turned off at any time. You may also stop participating in the interview at any time and may withdraw your consent at any time, with no repercussions including those related to your current employment.

Confidentiality of your information

We have a number of stringent processes in place to protect your privacy. This includes but is not limited to ensuring the confidentiality of all information including the tape recordings of interviews. To ensure your privacy, you will be given a study ID and:

- Any information you provide to us will be de-identified with this study ID.
- Your information will only be accessed by research staff.
- Your hardcopy information will be stored in a secured facility by Wardliparingga Aboriginal Research Unit, SAHMRI for a minimum of 5 years.
- You will not be personally identified in any reports or articles; and
- The information you provide will only be used for the purposes of this study and no other, without your express permission.

Withdrawing from the Project

If you decide to withdraw from the interview process during or after the interview process, we just ask that you contact Summer May Finlay PHD Candidate on 0424299457 or via email summer.finlay@mymail.unisa.edu.au or Alex Brown, Deputy Director and Program Leader Aboriginal Research South Australian Health & Medical Research Institute on Alex.brown@sahmri.com.

If you withdraw it will not have a negative impact on your employment or with those involved in the project. Your information will be withdrawn and disposed of by the The University of South Australia in a secure manner.

Consent

I consent to participate in the above research project on the following basis:

1. I have read the Participant Information Statement and have had the opportunity to ask questions. I understand the purpose of the research and my involvement in it.
2. I have the right to withdraw my consent and cease any further involvement in the research project at any time without giving reasons and without any penalty. This will not affect any services that I receive.
3. Any information I provide during the course of this research will remain confidential. Where the results of the research are published, my involvement and my personal results will not be identified
4. I understand that interviews may be audio-taped or videotaped, but the tapes will be secured and then destroyed at the completion of the project.
5. I understand that if I have any complaints or questions concerning this research project I can contact the principal researcher, the Chairperson or CEO of the local Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service; or the Chairperson of the relevant Ethics Committee as follows:

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