



LAW AND SEX WORKER HEALTH (LASH) STUDY INFORMATION STATEMENT (SURVEY)

What is this project about? This project aims to investigate the impact of the law on WA sex workers; their health and safety; and the intersections between WA sex workers, service providers and police. The project will help us assess the effectiveness of existing services, look at the impact of existing legislation relating to the sex industry and to identify challenges sex workers might experience in accessing services.

Who is doing the research? This project is being conducted by Associate Professor Linda Selvey at Curtin University and is funded by the WA Department of Health.

Why is this research being done? It is hoped that the information collected through this study will contribute to decisions about the provision of health services to sex workers and to inform any future legislation relating to sex work.

What will I have to do? If you agree to participate in this study you will be asked to complete a survey (either face-to-face, online, or over the telephone) which will include questions about the following: demographic information; access to information, and health services; interactions with police; experiences of violence; occupational health and safety; and mental health

and wellbeing. The study will take place at a mutually convenient location. The survey will take approximately 20 minutes to complete.

Are there any benefits to being involved? There may be no direct benefit to you from participating however your involvement will contribute to the collection of data which we hope will improve laws relating to the sex industry and services available for sex workers. **You will be reimbursed for your time.**

Are there any risks, discomforts or inconveniences from being in the research project? There is the potential risk of loss of income if participating during work hours, however you will be reimbursed for your time. There is the potential for discomfort when completing the survey due to the nature of some of the questions asked, however if you do not wish to answer a question you do not have to. We can also provide you with a number for a counsellor if you require one.

Who will have access to the information? The information collected in this study will be non-identifiable (anonymous). No one, not even the research team will be able to identify your information. Any information we collect and use during this research will be treated as confidential.



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Electronic data will be password-protected and hard copy data will be in locked storage. The information we collect in this study will be kept under secure conditions at Curtin University for 7 years after the research has ended and then it will be destroyed. The results of this research may be presented at conferences or published in professional journals. You will not be identified in any results that are published or presented.

Do I have to take part in the research project? It is your choice to take part or not. If you decide to take part and then change your mind, you can withdraw from the study.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you have any concerns or further questions about the survey or research project, please contact:

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Ethics Approval Curtin University's Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) has approved this study (HREC number HRE2016-0078). Should you wish to discuss the study with someone not directly involved, in particular, any matters concerning the conduct of the study or your rights as a participant, or you wish to make a confidential complaint, you may contact the Ethics Officer on (08) 9266 9223 or the Manager, Research Integrity on (08) 9266 7093 or email hrec@curtin.edu.au.