

The Bouverie Families Study

What is the study about and why are you inviting me to be involved?

This study is about the needs of families who come to The Bouverie Centre, their experiences of family therapy, and their stories of change, so that we can learn how to best help families in differing circumstances. All families who take part in any of our family therapy services are invited to join the study.

What would I be asked to do?

Actually, there is nothing more to do! We simply seek your consent to store the information you already provided to Bouverie, for later use in our *Bouverie Families Study*. We will remove all details that could personally identify you and/or your family, such as names, addresses, dates of birth etc.

Do I have to participate?

Being part of this study is voluntary. If you are interested, simply read the information below and ask us any questions. You can then decide to give your consent to take part. If you decide not to take part, the services you are offered by The Bouverie Centre will not be affected in any way.

What's next?

- Simply read this form, weigh-up the benefits and risks for yourself, and ask us any questions you might have.
- If you choose to take part, keep a copy of this form for your records.

What are the benefits and risks?

Some people find it helpful to be included and contribute their ideas to studies like this. We hope the information you provide will benefit families who come to Bouverie after you. We do not foresee any risks of taking part in this study.

Who is running the study and who is funding it?

This study is being run by the research team at The Bouverie Centre, which is part of the School of Psychology and Public Health at La Trobe University. The Lead researcher is Professor Jenn McIntosh, and her team includes Dr Eliza Hartley, and Dr Mohajer Hameed. These three people are family clinicians and researchers. We also have Dr Anna Booth and Dr Jessica Opie who are post-doctoral researchers. This research is funded as part of the Bouverie Centre's ongoing service agreement with Victorian Department of Families, Fairness and Housing, and by other research grants.

What if I change my mind and no longer wish to participate?

You can choose to withdraw up until four weeks following the collection of your data. You can let us know by emailing us for the 'Withdrawal of Consent Form' or calling us (details below).

What will happen to information about me?

We will **collect, store and publish** information from this study in ways that will not reveal who you are and that will not identify anyone. We **keep** study information for 7 years after the project is completed. After then, study data are destroyed. The handling of all personal data is done in accordance with the [Research Data Management Policy](https://policies.latrobe.edu.au/document/view.php?id=106) [https://policies.latrobe.edu.au/document/view.php?id=106/](https://policies.latrobe.edu.au/document/view.php?id=106) and in accordance with applicable privacy laws, and with the Health Records Act 2001 (Vic). Subject to any exceptions in relevant laws, you have the right to access and correct your personal information by contacting the research team.

Who can I contact for questions or want more information?

If you would like to speak to us, please use the contact details below:

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Ethics and complaint management.

The Ethics reference number for this study is HEC21277. If you have a complaint about any part of this study, please contact: Senior Research Ethics Officer on /61 3 9479 1443/ or humanethics@latrobe.edu.au