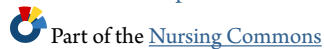

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Dear potential participant,

My name is Heather Gluyas. I am a student at Notre Dame University enrolled in the Professional Doctorate Program. As part of my course I need to complete a research project.

The title of the project is "Perceptions of external stakeholders into the development of clinical governance: A case study of the Douglas Inquiry"

My research concerns are firstly to investigate to what extent participants perceive that the Inquiry influenced or contributed to change and reform of clinical governance systems at KEMH. Secondly, to identify what factors or elements of the Inquiry the participants perceive positively or negatively impacted on change or reform. The study will focus on only two areas that were highlighted in the Inquiry as requiring reform. These are the involvement of consumers in the maintenance & improvement of performance and clinical credentialing.

The purpose of the study is to articulate a model of organisational clinical governance change or reform

Participants will take part in a 50-60 minute tape-recorded interview. Information collected during the interview will be strictly confidential. You will be offered a transcript of the interview, and I would be grateful if you would comment on whether you believe we have captured your experience.

Before the interview I will ask you to sign a consent form. You may withdraw from the project at any time.

Data collected will be stored securely in the University's School of Nursing for five years. No identifying information will be used and the results from the study will be made freely available to all participants.

The Human Research Ethics Committee of the University of Notre Dame Australia has approved the study.

Professor Selma Allieux of the School of Nursing is supervising the project. If you have any queries regarding the research, please contact me directly or Professor Allieux by phone (08) 9433 0215 or by email at sallieux@nd.edu.au

I thank you for your consideration and hope you will agree to participate in this research project.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Heather Gluyas

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If participants have any complaint regarding the manner in which a research project is conducted, it may be given to the researcher or, alternatively, to the Provost, The University of Notre Dame Australia, PO Box 1225 Fremantle WA 6959, phone (08) 9433 0847.