

## **Participant Information Sheet – General (Extended)**

**Project Title:** Exploring clinical leadership practices of Extended Care Paramedics (ECPs) in Australia and New Zealand

**Project Summary:**

You are invited to participate in a research study being conducted by *Mr Louis Shabella, Master of Research student, school of health sciences paramedicine, under the Supervision of Dr Liz Thyer, Associate dean – school of health sciences paramedicine and Associate Professor Paul Simpson school of health sciences paramedicine. The research is a pilot study looking at exploring the clinical leadership practices of Extended Care paramedics in Australia and New Zealand.*

**How is the study being paid for?** *The project does not incur a cost*

**What will I be asked to do?**

You will be asked to review a vignette scenario and respond to some questions relating to the scenario given in an online zoom format.

**How much of my time will I need to give?**

*Approx. 1hr*

**What benefits will I, and/or the broader community, receive for participating?**

*This research has the potential to positively impact and further evolve extended care clinical leadership practices in Australia and New Zealand. The benefit of this research to you is that it allows some professional development simply by engaging. Further to this a reimbursement by means of a CPD certificate will be organised with 1hr CPD equivalence of face-to-face development which can be claimed for your AHPRA or AHPRA equivalent registration.*

**Will the study involve any risk or discomfort for me? If so, what will be done to rectify it?**

*Psychological risk – there is a small risk that some of the content in the should any of the case study vignettes may cause any distress from former cases attended to by the participant; the interview would be paused, and welfare check commenced by primary researcher as well as referral to WSU counselling services and other support services such as participant's organizational, beyond blue, lifeline.*

*Participants also must be aware that there are professional and ethical responsibilities with reference to AHPRA reporting should anything be raised of concern – the primary researcher may remind the participant that they are obliged to report any conduct or practices disclosed that are in severe contravention of AHPRA/Equivalent code of conduct.*

**How do you intend to publish or disseminate the results?**

It is anticipated that the results of this research project will be published and/or presented in a variety of forums. In any publication and/or presentation, information will be provided in such a way that the participant cannot be identified, except with your permission. *As the participant you will be de-identified, the only data that will be published will be relating to what state or jurisdiction you work and years of experience. The transcript will also be de-identified. The only people aware of individual participation is the primary researcher and supervisors at NO stage will there be any communication with other ECPs and indeed respective employers.*

### **Will the data and information that I have provided be disposed of?**

Please be assured that only the researchers will have access to the raw data you provide. However, your data may be used in other related projects for an extended period of time. The data may also be used and or replicated in projects looking at ECPs clinical leadership on a larger scale in future. Potential time frame of years.

### **Can I withdraw from the study?**

Participation is entirely voluntary and you are not obliged to be involved. If you do participate you can withdraw at any time without giving reason.

If you do choose to withdraw, any information that you have supplied *will not be kept or utilised in the research. If that is the case, then the data will not be used and will be deleted.*

*Should a need arise of withdrawal you can do so by emailing the primary researcher Mr Louis Shabella – 17214302 @student.westernsydney.edu.au*

### **Can I tell other people about the study?**

Yes, you can tell other people about the study.

### **What if I require further information?**

Please contact *primary researcher Mr Louis Shabella via email 17214302 @student.westernsydney.edu.au* should you wish to discuss the research further before deciding whether to participate

### **What if I have a complaint?**

If you have any complaints or reservations about the ethical conduct of this research, you may contact the Ethics Committee through Research Engagement, Development and Innovation (REDI) on Tel +61 2 4736 0229 or email [humanethics@westernsydney.edu.au](mailto:humanethics@westernsydney.edu.au).

Any issues you raise will be treated in confidence and investigated fully, and you will be informed of the outcome.

If you agree to participate in this study, you may be asked to sign the Participant Consent Form. The information sheet is for you to keep and the consent form is retained by the researcher/s.

This study has been approved by the Western Sydney University Human Research Ethics Committee. The Approval number is **H15000**