**Participant Information Sheet – People with lived experience**

**Project Title:** Development and testing of an educational intervention for delivery of Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Basic Life Support to people who use a wheelchair.

**Project Summary:**

You are invited to participate in a research study being conducted by Elisha Deegan, PhD candidate, School of Nursing and Midwifery. Under the supervision of Prof Nathan Wilson, Dr Peter Lewis and Dr Laynie Hall Pullin, School of Nursing and Midwifery*.* The research aims to develop an education package that can be taught alongside standard CPR and BLS to equip care givers and healthcare professionals with the skills to respond to an emergency that includes a person with a disability who uses a wheelchair.

**How is the study being paid for?**

Elisha Deegan the PhD candidate is receiving an Australian Government stipend, there is no other funding

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

You will be asked to have an interview with Elisha Deegan to explore your experience of the care that is provided during emergencies for people with a disability who use a wheelchair. Elisha Deegan will have some questions for you and you will have the opportunity to share ideas and thoughts about how to give CPR and BLS to people with a disability who use a wheelchair.

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

The interview is anticipated to be approximately 30 to 60 minutes in duration.

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

Your participation will assist in developing an educational package that could improve emergency care for people with disabilities who use a wheelchair and provide formal and informal carers with access to education that will allow them to provide optimal care to people with a disability who use a wheelchair during emergencies.

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

It is possible that discussion of emergency care and your experience may trigger some distress or trauma. Questions in the interview are all voluntary. You can choose not to answer any or all of the questions. During the interview Elisha will be looking for any signs that the content or questions are distressing, and she will change the questions if needed or finish the interview earlier if required. At the end of this information sheet, you will find the details for accessing help should you require it after the interview.

**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 presented in such a way that maximises your confidentiality and anonymity.After your interview Elisha Deegan will give your interview a code and all data collected from your interview will be attributed to your code rather than your name.

**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 and that your data will not be used in any other projects. Please note that minimum retention period for data collection is five years post publication. The data and information you have provided will be securely disposed of.

**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 by emailing or calling any member of the research team and letting them know you would like to withdraw. If you decide to withdraw during the interview you can let Elisha Deegan know and the interview will be stopped.

If you do choose to withdraw any information that you have provided will beremoved from the study and deleted.

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

Yes, you can tell other people about the study by contacting either Elisha Deegan or Nathan Wilson for further information. Contact details below.

**What if I require further information?**

Please contact Elisha Deegan or Nathan Wilson should you wish to discuss the research further before deciding whether to participate.

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**What if I have a complaint?**

If you have any complaints or reservations about the ethical conduct of this research, you may email the Ethics Committee through Research Services: 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 H15709

**What if I need to talk to someone after the interview because I am feeling distressed or upset?**

Talking about our feelings is very important and can help us to feel better if something is concerning or worrying us. Please reach out to someone you know or contact one of the support providers listed below:

* Black Dog Institute: An online tool that is designed to be easy to access and use for all people with disability. 24 hours 7 days a week

<https://www.blackdoginstitute.org.au/resources-support/digital-tools-apps/healthy-mind/>

* Lifeline: 13 11 14 – 24 hours a day 7 days a week
* Beyond Blue – 1300 22 4636 or via online chat [Beyond Blue Webchat Support Service](https://www.beyondblue.org.au/support-service/chat), both available 24 hours 7 days a week, or via email, [Beyond Blue Email Form](https://www.beyondblue.org.au/support-service/email/beyond-blue-email-form)