

**Disabled People's Experiences of
Abortion Services in Aotearoa New Zealand**

He Whakatairaka Tuhi
Questionnaire Advertisement

Tēnā Koe,

You are invited to participate in research about disabled people's experiences of abortion services in Aotearoa New Zealand.

He aha te kaupapa o taua nei rakahau?

What is this research about?

Nā tō rourou, nā taku rourou, ka ora ai tō tātou whānau

This whakataukī encapsulates the notion that while working in isolation might result in survival, working together as a whānau can take us beyond survival and onto prosperity.

The aim of this research project is to learn about disabled people's access to, and experiences of, a wide range of abortion services. The findings from the research will help the government and healthcare providers to address matters of disability rights, and deliver more equitable, inclusive and accessible abortion services.

The findings will also feed into the New Zealand Government's 5-year review of the Abortion Legislation Act 2020.

Mā wai e whakauru?

Who can participate in this research?

In this part of this research, we are looking for 20 disabled people who have experience with abortion services to participate in an anonymous questionnaire. This includes

abortion-related mental health support or assessment, counseling, and contraception services.

The questionnaire will ask about your experience of accessing abortion services since 2020. If you've wanted to access abortion services but weren't able to, we'd also like to know about this too.

At the end of the questionnaire you will be given the option of registering your interest in a follow up interview with one of our researchers to talk further about your experiences.

Family, whānau, aiga and/or close supporters of disabled people who have engaged with abortion services, but who cannot provide informed consent on their own behalf, are also invited to respond to the questionnaire. Whānau and close supporters will be asked to share their own personal reflections on the abortion service interaction (and not speak on the disabled person's behalf).

All participants must be of or over the age of 18 and be able to provide informed consent to participate.

Mē pēhea au i whakatapoko i taua nei kaupapa?

What do I do if I want to take part in the questionnaire?

To take part in the questionnaire, please begin by reading the **participant information sheet**. If you'd still like to take part, you can fill out the questionnaire using the online form. Accessible formats are also available. Please go to the DBI website

<https://www.donaldbeasley.org.nz/projects/disabled-peoples-experiences-of-abortion-services-in-aotearoa-new-zealandnew-project-page/>

Who do I contact for more information?

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Kōrero Whakamārama

We have chosen to apply the Kāi Tahu dialect when writing in te reo Māori. This means that the ng is replaced with a k (for example: whakarongo is changed to whakaroko).

We have underlined the k whenever this has been applied.