

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION [GU REF NO: 2024/137]

Title	A survey exploration of the dimensions of home of people with persistent pain and associations with key demographic and clinical factors.
Short Title	Dimensions of home and people with persistent pain
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Location	Online Survey

1. Introduction

We are inviting all adults living with chronic pain to complete an anonymous online survey. This two page document tells you about the study and will help you decide if you want to be involved. Please read this information carefully.

You should ask questions about anything that you don't understand or want to know more about. You might want to talk with a relative, friend, or a trusted health professional.

You do not have to take part if you do not want to. Your participation is entirely voluntary. Your decision will have no influence on the care that you receive.

If you complete the survey, you are implying that you are giving consent for the study. That means you are telling us that you:

- understand the information in this document
- you agree that your responses can be included in our study
- you agree that we may use the data for future studies.

The study is being completed by Annabelle Johnston as part of their Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (Honours) Degree at Griffith University.

2. Why is this research being conducted?

We want to know if the experience of home influences pain, health, and well-being. The information collected with the survey will help us to identify:

- 1) How people with pain experience the different aspects of their home environment
- 2) If the experience of home has any associations with pain, health and well-being.

The information gained will help us to understand if knowledge about the experience of home can be used to support better outcomes for people with persistent pain.

3. What does participation involve?

You will be asked to complete a survey. The survey will take 20 – 30 minutes. You will be asked to answer questions about your home, your mood, your pain, and some questions about you e.g. age, general health, etc.

4. Are there any benefits for me?

There are no direct benefits for you. The findings may be used to support further research and the enhancement of existing pain management services.

5. Are there any risks to me?

We anticipate that the risks are low, however you may experience some discomfort or distress. If this occurs you should seek support from your normal support people (e.g. family, friends, health professionals). Should it be required, you can also seek support from Lifeline on 13 11 14 and Beyond Blue 1300 22 4636.

6. How are you going to use my personal information?

All information that you share with us will be stored in an online secure repository (Griffith University Research Storage Space) for the mandatory five years. The data will be destroyed five years after publication. We will report the findings of the group in presentations and publications. We may also use the data for additional studies, combining the data with information collected from previous and future studies about the dimensions of home. We will only report the findings for all participants as a group – no individual data will ever be reported.

7. Do I have to take part in this research project?

No - You do not have to take part if you do not wish to, your participation is voluntary. You will be unable to withdraw from the study after submitting the survey. This is because all surveys will be anonymous and we will not be able to identify your responses.

8. Who has reviewed this project?

All research in Australia involving humans is reviewed by an independent group of people called a Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC). The ethical aspects of this research project have been approved by Griffith University. This project will be carried out according to the *National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research (2018)*. This statement has been developed to protect the interests of people who agree to participate in human research studies.

Questions / further information

The person you may need to contact will depend on the nature of your query. If you have any questions or need further information about the study, please feel free to contact Louise Gustafsson on louise.gustafsson@griffith.edu.au or (07) 3735 3607.

If you have any complaints about any aspect of the project or the way it is being conducted then you may contact the Research Ethics Manager at Griffith University on 3735 4375 or research-ethics@griffith.edu.au.

Feedback to you

If you would like to receive a summary of the results at the conclusion of the study, please advise Louise Gustafsson on louise.gustafsson@griffith.edu.au