

FACTORS – Factors Affecting Community Treatment Orders Research Study- Clinician Survey

Australia has one of the highest rates of forced community treatment for mental illness in the world but there is considerable variation across the country and between mental health services.

We are pleased to invite all staff in mental health services to participate in this online survey that will investigate the experiences and perceptions of mental health professionals who work with people who have been placed on community treatment orders (CTOs) for their mental health. We invite you to participate if you are a mental health professional from any discipline involved in the delivery of mental health treatment and care to people on CTOs.

The survey questions will ask about your experiences with CTOs, including your understanding of whether, when and why a CTO was made.

This survey is part of a larger study funded by the Australian Research Council which aims to understand how and why the use of CTOs varies across different states and services, and to reduce coercive actions by mental health services.

This project is supported by Flinders University, La Trobe University, University of Melbourne, University of Sydney and Lived Experience Australia. Ethics approval has been granted and more information about this and the study can be found by clicking the link to the survey.

This survey should take about 15-20 minutes to complete. Some questions ask you some general non-identifiable information about you (e.g. age, gender, your profession). Some questions ask you to select a response (e.g. 'Yes', 'No' 'Maybe' 'Doesn't apply to me'). Some questions ask you to rate your response on a scale (e.g. from 'strongly disagree' to 'strongly agree'). Some questions provide space for any further comments you want to provide.

The survey is completely anonymous and voluntary. You may choose not to answer some questions or stop at any time. We recognise that some questions may cause you discomfort and we encourage you to seek support if required. The survey responses are secure and can only be accessed by the researchers.

This survey will be open until: 30 November 2024

Thank you for your participation.