EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Project: The effectiveness of family violence education

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You are invited to take part in this study. Please read this explanatory statement in full before deciding if you wish to participate in this research. If you would like further information regarding any aspect of this project, you are encouraged to contact the researchers via the email addresses listed above.

What does the research involve?
This study examines the effectiveness of family violence education delivered to healthcare students. It involves filling in a survey which will provide data for analysis. You can complete this survey online by following the on screen directions. It is expected that the survey will take around 5 minutes to complete. Your data is potentially identifiable with a unique code you will generate, however the study authors will not have access to this code and will not attempt or allow your data to be identified at any stage.

Why were you chosen for this research?
You are a healthcare student above 18 years old.

Consenting to participate in the project and withdrawing from the research
If you consent to take part in this research please complete the online survey. You may withdraw from further participation at any stage with no consequences however you cannot request to withdraw your data after completing the online survey as it is anonymous and we cannot identify your data. Note that researchers do not have access to data which contains your unique code so this cannot be used to identify you.

Possible benefits and risks to participants
This survey will help measure the effectiveness of your family violence education (if any). It is not expected that you will experience any discomfort, however if while taking this survey you feel distressed you should stop immediately and request assistance from the researcher or from the following services.

Services on offer if adversely affected
You can use the following services if you feel any distress from this survey:
- Request assistance from the researchers
- Call 1800 RESPECT to speak to a family violence counsellor
- Call 1800 STUDENT to speak to a Monash counsellor

Confidentiality
Your data is potentially identifiable via a unique code you will generate however the study authors will not have access to this code and will not be used to identify you. Your responses will be treated as anonymous. Aggregate results will be published in a peer-reviewed healthcare journal a link for which will be placed on your faculty website.

Storage of data
Data will be stored within Monash University servers and secured in locked filing cabinets. Data will be destroyed on completion of the study.

Complaints
Should you have any concerns or complaints about the conduct of the project, you are welcome to contact:

Executive Officer, Monash University Human Research Ethics (MUHREC):
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Thank you,

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