



Department of Psychological Medicine  
Group Services Coordinator: [r.ram@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:r.ram@auckland.ac.nz)  
Phone: +64 (0) 9 923 6531

Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences  
The University of Auckland  
Private Bag 92019  
Auckland 1142  
New Zealand

**WEBPAGE 1**

**Participant information for Interim Prioritisation Survey**

**Project title:** Priority setting of gaps in the evidence in the area of child and youth mental health

**Name of Principal investigator:** Sarah Hetrick

**Researcher introduction**

The University of Auckland, in collaboration with University of Otago, Orygen - the National Centre of Excellence in Youth Mental Health (an affiliate of the University of Melbourne) and University of York, are working to find out what issues and gaps there are in our understanding of how to support children and youth to flourish.

The Principal Researchers are Associate Professor Sarah Hetrick, Dr Vanessa Jordan and Dr Vartika Sharma (University of Auckland), Dr Sarah Fortune (University of Otago), Professor Rachel Churchill and Dr Jessica Hendon (University of York) and Dr Magenta Simmons (Orygen).

**Project description and invitation**

Through the online questionnaire, we aim to identify key issues relevant to the mental wellbeing of children and young people. **You are being invited to participate in this questionnaire** as you may be a young person with or without lived experience of mental health difficulties; or a carer/family member of a young person with lived experience of mental health difficulties; or a healthcare professional or a community based organisation working to support the wellbeing of young people.

Considering this is an online questionnaire, **submission of your responses will be considered as your consent to participate in this study**. Also, please note that **only those aged 16 years or older are eligible to complete the questionnaire**.

**[Click to next page](#)**

**WEBPAGE 2**

**Project Procedures**

**This study involves completing in an online questionnaire that should take approximately 30-40 minutes.**

The questionnaire consists of a set of 96 research questions, distributed under ten different themes, related to child and youth mental health. The questionnaire can be completed in three-steps – first, participants will be asked to choose 5 themes that they think are most important from of a list of 10 themes; second step, for each of the selected 5 themes, they can choose a minimum of 1 and a maximum of 3 questions that they think are most important; and step three, out of the selected list of questions, choose the 3 most important questions.

All participants who share their name and contact details (documented and stored separately from their questionnaire responses) will enter a lucky draw to win one prize worth NZD150. However, those who are unable to do so, will not be able to participate in the lucky prize draw.

**The questionnaire will allow you to remain anonymous – it does not require you to provide your name.**

All other personal information such as your age, ethnicity, country of residence etc. will be stored separately from your questionnaire data. This information will help us know if any groups are under or over-represented among our respondents.

**At the end of the questionnaire you can choose to indicate interest in participating in the lucky prize draw and receiving a summary of study findings.**

If you choose this option, your email address will be collected but like all other personal information it will be kept separate from your questionnaire responses. Your email address would be separate to that in which the questionnaire response data are stored and used only for the purpose noted above.

This research study is funded by the Royal Society of New Zealand.

**Click to next page**

**WEBPAGE 3**

**Data storage/retention/destruction/future use**

The prioritised list of research gaps will be prepared by the University of Auckland and partner institutes and will be made available on their official websites. **Only anonymous and aggregate data will be reported.**

**Study results from this project will be shared with participants who wish to receive them by ticking the relevant box on the questionnaire form.**

**The questionnaire begins with some consent questions.**

These do not require you to provide your name or any other information that could identify you. Consent questions will be stored separately from the data. Consent questions and all data will be stored in password protected files on computers located in locked offices on security alarmed premise up to a maximum of six years after the study completion. Thereafter, all the electronic files will be permanently deleted.

**Click to next page**

WEBPAGE 4

**Anonymity and confidentiality**

**The researchers will not circulate or share any personal information about the respondents**

While disseminating the study results, researchers will not circulate or share any personal information about the respondents and therefore, no one will be able to identify the information shared by the individual respondents during their study participation. Data analysis and reporting will be only at an aggregate (i.e. group) level to safeguard anonymity of the study participants.

**Right to withdraw from participation**

**You will be free to exit the questionnaire at any time**, however, given the questionnaire does not collect identifying information it will not be possible to withdraw any responses submitted.

**There are no direct benefits of study participation.** We don't expect the questionnaire to cause any harm, however there is a small possibility that the questions may trigger some feelings of distress. If you become upset or distressed as a result of your participation in the research, please contact your local crisis support helplines or see your general practitioner or seek other relevant support services.

**Contact details and approval details**

If you have any questions or need any additional information about this research, please contact the study Principal Investigator – Associate Professor Sarah Hetrick or her head of department – Professor Sally Merry at University of Auckland.

Dr Sarah Hetrick  
Associate Professor in Youth Mental Health  
CureKids Research Fellow,  
Clinical Psychologist  
Department of Psychological Medicine,  
Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences  
University of Auckland  
s.hetrick@auckland.ac.nz  
+64 9 923 7295 ext. 89100

Head of Department  
Professor Sally Merry  
Department of Psychological Medicine,  
Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences  
University of Auckland  
s.merry@auckland.ac.nz  
+64 9 923 6981

For any concerns regarding ethical issues you may contact the Chair, the University of Auckland Human Participants Ethics Committee, at the University of Auckland, Research Office, Private Bag 92019, Auckland 1142. Telephone 09 373-7599 ext. 83711.  
Email: [ro-ethics@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:ro-ethics@auckland.ac.nz)



## MEDICAL AND HEALTH SCIENCES

*If you have read and understood the information above and you would like to go ahead with completing the questionnaire! Please click 'begin questionnaire' below. Thanks in advance!*

*If you have decided not to go ahead with the questionnaire thanks anyway for your time.*

Approved by the University of Auckland Human Participants Ethics Committee on May 24, 2019 for three years.  
Reference Number 022884.

**Begin questionnaire**