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Participants needed

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PEOPLE BORN WITH VARIATIONS IN SEX CHARACTERISTICS

Who are we looking for? We are seeking individuals born with a variation in sex characteristics aged 18 or over.

We would like to hear about your experiences of surgical and/or non-surgical medical interventions, whether they were carried out with your permission or otherwise. We are also seeking participants born with variations in sex characteristics who have not undertaken these procedures.

We invite anyone who has cared for you (parents, carers or guardians) or worked with you in a medical, professional setting to describe their experiences in a separate interview.

What's involved? Participation will involve either a 60 minute group interview or 30 minute individual interview conducted in person at various locations around Australia. Phone interviews may be conducted upon request.

During the interview, you will be asked questions about your experiences of undertaking or not undertaking surgical and/or non-surgical medical interventions. We want to understand any obstacles you faced in understanding the medical procedures and what options and information you were provided before you or your parent/carer/guardian made a decision.

An audio recording may be taken with your consent to ensure the accuracy of our notes taken and assist with research analysis. Information collected during the group interview will be de-identified. Study findings may be published, but you will not be individually identifiable in these publications.

For more information, or to volunteer to participate in this study, please contact Daniel Nguyen – Specialist SOGII Adviser and Stephanie Lum – Project support officer, at sogii@humanrights.gov.au or 02 9284 9650.

For further information on the human research ethics approval for this project, please contact the University of Sydney Human Research Ethics Committee by email to human.ethics@sydney.edu.au, citing reference 2018/338.