**Disabled People’s Experiences of**

**Abortion Services in Aotearoa New Zealand**

**Questionnaire Framework**

Tēnā Koe,

Welcome to this questionnaire about disabled people’s experiences of abortion services in Aotearoa New Zealand. Thank you for being interested in this project.

This research aims to learn about disabled people’s access to, and experiences of, a wide range of abortion services. This includes disabled people who have accessed counselling support and assessment, and contraception services.

The findings will help the government and healthcare providers to address matters of disability rights, and deliver more equitable, inclusive and accessible abortion services. The findings will also feed into the New Zealand Government's 5-year review of the Abortion Legislation Act 2020, which will end in 2025. This research project is therefore especially focused on disabled people’s experiences of abortion services **over the last four years**, since abortion was decriminalised in 2020.

There are five parts to this questionnaire. We will ask you about:

1. your informed consent;
2. demographic information;
3. your experience of accessing abortion services;
4. any recommendations you have for improving these services; and
5. if you would like to register your interest in a follow-up interview, further support, or being updated on the research. If you select yes for any of these options, your contact details will not be linked to your questionnaire responses in any way.

This questionnaire is anonymous. This means we will not use any identifying details when we write about the findings.

To take part in the questionnaire, please begin by reading the participant information sheet [insert link]. For accessible formats, please go to the DBI website [insert link].

**To proceed to consent information, please click the arrow below ->**

This questionnaire is anonymous. Accessible formats of the questionnaire can be found through the Donald Beasley Institute’s website [insert link].

At the end of the questionnaire, you will be asked if you would like to register your interest in a follow-up interview, further support, or being updated on the research. If you select yes for any of these options, your contact details will not be linked to your questionnaire responses in any way.

**PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CONSENT INFORMATION**

In giving my informed consent:

1. I understand the information I have been given about this questionnaire.
2. I have had enough time to decide whether or not to take part in this questionnaire.
3. If I wanted to, I have been able to have a friend, family/whānau/aiga member or support person with me when I learned about this research.
4. I am satisfied with the answers I have been given about the research and I have a copy of this consent form [insert link] and information sheet [insert link].
5. I understand that taking part is my choice and that I don’t have to take part if I don’t want to.
6. I understand that I can stop taking part at any time and I won’t be affected in any way.
7. I understand that if I withdraw from the research, it is my choice whether the researcher uses the information I have told them up until that time.
8. I consent to the research team collecting and processing the information I share with them.
9. I must only speak on my own behalf, and not on the behalf of others.
10. I know that my participation is confidential and that no information that could identify me personally will be used in any reports of this research.
11. The research team will not talk to any other person about what I tell them, unless I, or someone else, is in danger.
12. I understand that the research team will talk to me first if they are concerned about my health or safety.
13. I know who to contact if I have any questions about the research.
14. If I give permission at the end of the questionnaire, I know the researchers might contact me again to organise an interview, provide further support, or update me on this study and further research opportunities.
15. I understand my responsibilities as a research participant.

I give my consent to take part in this research:

(circle choice) Yes No

**A little bit about you**

To begin with, tell us a little bit about yourself and your experience of disability:

Some things you might like to think about…

* Age
* Disability type(s)
* Ethnicity
* Family and living situation
* Sexuality and gender identity (if you are comfortable sharing this information)

**Abortion services in Aotearoa New Zealand**

Please share with us your experience/s of abortion services since 2020 (this is when abortion was decriminalised). Some things you might like to think about…

* What abortion service did you access or try to access? (For example, abortion services, counselling support and assessment, and contraception services)
* Did you feel any pressure to access abortion services?
* How many weeks into your pregnancy did you access abortion services?
* What happened?
* What made that experience hard/easy?
* How did it make you feel?
* How did the service respond (or not) to your disability and unique circumstances?

We would like to hear about your experiences of post-abortion care…

* What post-abortion care did you receive?
* Did the post-abortion care you received respond to your unique needs and circumstances? Why/why not?

Thinking more generally about abortion and reproductive services in Aotearoa New Zealand. What is needed for services to be inclusive and accessible to disabled people? Some things you might like to think about…

* Accessibility (eg. physical environment, transport, affordability, professionals’ attitudes, information and communication, cultural responsiveness, mental access)
* Disabled people’s right to form a family
* Access to different types of contraception
* Counselling services
* Sterilisation
* Sexual health education

Thank you for sharing your experiences and thoughts with us today. The Donald Beasley Institute research team will now read all questionnaire responses and start to think about what people have told us.

During the next stage of this research, our team will interview 12 disabled people about their abortion service experiences. This will help us collect more and deeper information.

Would you like to register your interest in an interview? You can read more about the interview process here [insert link to PIF for Phase Four]

* Yes
* No

If yes, please provide your contact details below and one of our team will be in touch.

Would you like one of our team to follow up with you and discuss support options?

* Yes
* No

If yes, please provide your contact details below and one of our team will be in touch. Your contact details will not be linked with your questionnaire responses in any way.

Would you like to be kept updated about this research?

* Yes
* No

If yes, please provide your contact details below. Your contact details will not be linked with your questionnaire responses in any way.

**Who do I contact for more information?**

If you have any questions or concerns about this research, please contact:

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**Kōrero Whakamārama**

The Kāi Tahu dialect has been used when writing in te reo Māori. This means that the ng is replaced with a k (for example: whakarongo is changed to whakaroko). We have underlined the k whenever this has been applied.