

Rural Mothers Caring for a child with a Chronic condition

Rural mothers' experience of caring for a child with a chronic health condition: A phenomenological study

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We would like to learn more about rural mother's experience of looking after a child with a chronic health condition

- **Do you have a child between the ages of 2- 18 years with a chronic health condition (physical &/or mental health) that has lasted for at least one year?**
- **Does your child require special care at home/school?**
- **Do you live in a rural area?**

If so, you are invited to participate in a 60-90 minute interview.

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Aim of the research

This research aims to explore rural mothers' experience of caring for their child with a chronic health condition

If you agree to participate in this study, I will provide you with:

- Access to an electronic or paper based demographic survey (will take 15 minutes to complete)
- Information sheet for participants
- Written consent form
- Invitation to participate in a face-to-face interview, skype interview (60-90minutes)

Interview: If you agree to participate in this study, I will firstly ask you to complete a brief demographic survey that will take approximately 15 minutes. All information collected will be confidential. You will then be invited to participate in a face-to-face interview or skype interview where you will be asked questions about your experience of caring for your child with a chronic health condition in a rural setting. The interview will be conducted at a place of your choosing. It is expected that the interview will take approximately 60 -90 minutes. With your permission, I will make an audio recording of the interview to ensure that I accurately recall the information you provide.

Confidentiality: Any personal details gathered in the course of the study will remain confidential. No individual will be identified by name in any of the published results. All names will be replaced by pseudonyms. If you agree, I intend to quote some of your responses in resulting reports and publications. All steps will be taken to ensure you are not identified in resulting reports and publications.

Participation is Voluntary: Please understand that your involvement in this study is voluntary and you can withdraw from the study at any time. You may discontinue the interview at any time without consequence and you do not need to provide any explanation for your decision.

Questions: The interview questions may be of a sensitive nature as you are asked to discuss your experience of mothering and caring for your child with a chronic health condition. These questions will enable me to enhance my knowledge of the challenges and opportunities to better understand your experience.

Use of information: I will use information from the interview as part of my doctoral thesis, which I expect to complete in January 2020. Information from the interview may also be used in journal articles and conference presentations before and after this date. At all times, I will safeguard your identity by presenting the information in a way that will prevent you from being identified.