# **Call for Expressions of Interest**

# **in Codesigning Health Professional Student Training for Handling People**

### Closing date: 20 February, 2023

Educating future health professionals requires input from many people. An important part of preparing occupational therapy students is ensuring they are able to provide appropriate physical assistance to clients (including holding, supporting or moving people) as needed.

*Codesign* is an approach to research and health care where all people involved work together to create solutions. People with lived experience (clients/consumers/patients, family members) are essential parts of codesign teams. This project is funded by the University of Queensland and seeks to improve our current training for occupational therapy students. It is being run by researchers from the occupational therapy department at the university.

## Purpose

The purpose of this project is to improve the way we train occupational therapy students to physically handle clients. We want to hear from people with lived experience about what kind of things we should include. Key aims of the project are to:

* Develop ways of working with people with lived experience in our student education
* Understand the needs and experiences of people who require physical assistance to manage their daily activities
* Decide as a group which issues are priorities for training, and how we might best address these in educating students about handling people
* Develop resources to support student learning

## Who is this for?

We are looking for people with lived experience of being physically handled to complete their daily activities. This may mean people who need some physical help to achieve a good working posture or to move around, or it may mean people who use equipment such as a hoist for transfers. We would also like also to hear from carers who provide this kind of physical assistance.

We would need you to be available for one of our researchers to speak with you for about one hour to begin, with the possibility of another hour or two later in the project (between 2-6 weeks after the initial interview).

## Time and place

We will be flexible on timing and location. You might like to meet us here at the University of Queensland. We are happy to discuss other venues, and also able to consult by phone or zoom if you prefer.

## Payment and Support

Consumers will be provided with a $50 gift card per interview to recognise their time, and to cover any costs associated with participating in this project.

Parking will be provided.

Interpreters will be made available, if needed.

We are happy to provide any additional support that you might need: e.g. support person, communication, physical access, reminders etc.

## How to let us know you are interested

Please reply to the primary contact person Lisa Gardener (**lisa.gardener@uq.edu.au**) with any questions, or to set up a time to chat on the phone.

Alternatively you can contact either Freyr Patterson (f.patterson@uq.edu.au) or Jackie Liddle ([j.liddle@uq.edu.au](mailto:j.liddle@uq.edu.au)) who are also occupational therapists and co-researchers for this project.