**Participants needed**

**PROTECTING THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF PEOPLE**

**BORN WITH VARIATIONS IN SEX CHARACTERISTICS**

**Who are we looking for?** We are seeking your participation in a research inquiry that explores how best to protect the human rights of people born with variations in sex characteristics, in relation to surgical and non-surgical medical interventions.

Due to the focus of this research, we are inviting voluntary research participants who have worked with and/or are currently working with people born with variations in sex characteristics in a professional or personal capacity (parents, carers or guardians).

**What’s involved?** Participation will involve separate 45–60 minute group interviews or 30 minute individual interviews for:

* medical professionals, and
* parents or carers of people born with variations in sex characteristics.

Interviews will be held at various locations around Australia. Alternative arrangements (for example, phone interviews) may be conducted upon request.

During the interview, you will be asked questions about your experiences interacting and working with people born with variations in sex characteristics, in your professional capacity as a medical professional, or as a parent or caregiver.

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*.*

There will be separate, face-to-face interviews for participants with lived experience. If you know anyone who would like more information about this or is interesting in participating, please direct them to contact us directly.

**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.