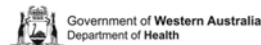


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### **THE MECHANISMS UNDERLYING AUDITORY HALLUCINATIONS IN SCHIZOPHRENIA**

#### **INFORMATION SHEET**

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The current research project is investigating whether individuals with schizophrenia have difficulties integrating information about words and voices in memory compared to healthy controls. Furthermore, the study will assess whether individuals with schizophrenia perceive characteristics of voices (e.g., masculinity, dominance, pitch) in a different way compared to healthy controls.

#### **What does participation in the study involve?**

If you decide to participate, you will be asked to:

- Participate in an interview regarding your own experience of any mental health problems throughout your life (e.g. worry, anxiety, depression, psychotic symptoms, and use of drugs and alcohol). We may request your permission to videotape the interview for a review by senior clinical researchers to ensure quality control. Strict confidentiality will be maintained at all times. The length of the interview is about 1-2 hours but can be separated into shorter sessions, or ended on your request at any time.
- Participate in several tasks of perception and memory using a computer. This task will take about 1.5 hours.
- Complete questionnaires concerning your mood, thoughts and hallucination experiences and self-esteem. This takes about 10 minutes to complete.

As you can see our study includes a number of interviews and tests, however appointments can be scheduled at times to suit yourself.

#### **What we will do...**

All information will be coded and kept strictly confidential. Video/audio-tapes will be stored in a secure area and where access limited to project staff. Information gathered during the course of the project will only be used for research, and no data that will be published in scientific journals will reveal the identity of participants. Although we will be happy to share with you whatever results we can, at present there are no known results that would directly benefit you, or your family

#### **Your rights**

You may withdraw your consent for this project at any time. In this event, upon receipt of written notification, any identifiable information we have collected will be destroyed. If you choose not to participate in the project, this decision will not affect yours, or your relative's treatment now, or in the future.

#### **For further information**

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Chief Investigator, Murray Maybery (08) 6488 3255 or Saruchi Chhabra on (08) 6488 3254

