



Research Ethics & Compliance Support

Human Research Ethics

Never Stand Still

Mr Greg Andresen
Men's Health Australia

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Dear Mr Andresen et al

RE: Complaint HC13363

I am writing to you in regard to your complaint to the HREC regarding HC13363.

Some of the issues that you raise (those to do with methodology) are not in the purview of the HREC. These are issues that will be dealt with in peer review of the findings when the authors submit publications for review. However, I have found two issues that I consider to be ethical breaches. These are that a) the full Participant Information Sheet is not accessible to potential participants, although the survey on the Youth Action website states that it is. I also tried to find it on the Youth Action website and could not; b) the quote that claims that "childhood exposure to intimate violence increased the likelihood of intergenerational violence particularly amongst boys" is incorrect. I cannot source the quote on the flyer and am of the opinion that it is not correct.

I have suspended this research until the Investigators undertake the following:

- A direct link is set up to the Information Sheet from the web page at the start of the survey.
- All the original flyers are destroyed and are replaced by a new flyer that has correct information, including any quotes.

I have asked the Investigators to advise me when the link on the survey website is ready, the old flyers have been destroyed and the new flyers are ready and I then will allow the suspension to be lifted.

Regards,

Heather

Professor Heather Worth,
Chair, Human Research Ethics Committee