

Understanding supports available to the those impacted by the suicide death of an Emergency Services worker: experiences and perceptions of family members and co-workers.

What is this project about?

Military and Emergency Services Health Australia (MESHA - a charity of The Hospital Research Foundation) is undertaking a study exploring the supports available to anyone impacted by the suicide death of an emergency services first responder.

We are hoping that the family members and co-workers who have been impacted by the suicide death of an Emergency Services worker may offer insight into their experiences **accessing support** after the suicide death of a police officer, firefighter, paramedic, or other first responder, whether they were employed full-time, part-time, or a volunteer.

By participating in this study, you will be providing important information about your perceptions and experiences to the services available to the families and coworkers impacted by the suicide of an emergency services member(s). Your perspective will contribute to the growing body of knowledge around the resources available to the community following the suicide of an emergency services member.

Who can Participate?

Family members and/or co-workers who have been directly or indirectly impacted by the loss of an Emergency Services worker to suicide can participate in this study.

What is Involved?

Participation involves completing an online survey of open-ended questions about your perceptions and experiences to accessing support after the suicide death of a first responder. If you choose to, you can also take part in an interview to further describe your experiences. All information provided in the survey and interview is strictly confidential.

Further information

This study has been approved by the Flinders University Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC No: HEL6564-1). For further information please contact the Chief Investigator, Dr Henry Bowen by email research@mesha.org.au or call (08) 7002 0880.

Can I Participate Now?

To receive the study information sheet and complete the online survey, scan the QR code below.



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