

UQ Winter Research Project Description

Project title:	What do people with mental health disorders think of harm reduction strategies for cigarette smoking – a qualitative analysis of focus group data
Project duration:	6 weeks
Description:	People living with a mental health disorder are more likely to take up smoking and less likely to quit than people without a mental health disorder. This project explored the views of people living with a mental health disorder about harm reduction options, such as switching to less harmful sources of nicotine (e.g. electronic cigarettes) as a long-term substitute. Focus groups were conducted with participants recruited from NGOs who provide services for people with mental health disorders. Participants were shown different products and asked for their opinions about each of the products and also the concept of switching from smoking to a less harmful product. This project will analyse this data and write it up for a publication.
Expected outcomes and deliverables:	The research scholar will gain experience in qualitative data analysis and write up for publication. It is anticipated that the outcome will be a journal article.
Suitable for:	This project is open to applicants with skills in qualitative (thematic) data analysis, such as having completed a course in this method.
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Further info:	Please contact Dr Gartner (c.gartner@uq.edu.au) prior to submitting to confirm you have the requisite analytical skills.