

Confidentiality and Consent Statement

- PANDSI is committed to protecting and upholding the right to privacy of clients as outlined by the *Health Records (Privacy & Access) Act 1997*, as well as the *Privacy Act 1988 (Cwlth)*, and the Australian Privacy Principles.
- PANDSI will collect some demographic information as well as ask you some questions about your current mental health, mental health history, support system and health care providers. This information is required to be collected by PANDSI and the program funding organisation.
- The information you share with PANDSI will be recorded on the secure client database and a hardcopy of your intake interview record will be kept securely at PANDSI.
- Some demographic information may be de-identified and reported as required by the service funding agreement.
- With regard to the questionnaires you will be asked to complete, only your overall score on the EPDS will be reported in a de-identified format.
- De-identified client data (e.g. demographic and overall EPDS scores) may occasionally be used for research purposes (to do this researchers must supply PANDSI with ethics approval from their institution).
- Your records will be confidential within the PANDSI service. Please be aware that any information you share or disclose with a Support Worker will be recorded on your file and will be available to the support team as a whole.
- The only time your personal, identifiable information will be shared with anyone outside of PANDSI is if the requirements of Australian privacy principle 6 are met. This will generally only be if PANDSI is legally obliged, or in the case that we felt that you were in danger of harming yourself or someone else, or your own safety was compromised. In that case only enough information to ensure your safety will be shared with appropriate professionals or emergency services.
- In cases where PANDSI communicates with other agencies on your behalf, for example during a referral process, PANDSI will first seek your permission to share information from your record.
- If you would like further information about your rights to privacy please refer to the aforementioned Acts.

Do you consent to sharing this information with these conditions?

Signed

Date