PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET

HUMAN EARLY LIFE DEVELOPMENT – INTEGRATED LEARNING ACTIVITY (HELD-ILA), 2020

Student Names: _____________________________________________________

What is the Human Early Life Development-Integrated Learning Activity?
This is an integrated learning activity run from the University of Auckland to help Year 2 medical students learn more about babies and how they grow up and develop. It is a very valuable opportunity for future doctors to learn early on in their training about children and families. The students who have done this activity in the past have found it really enjoyable and helpful.

What do students hope to do during this project?
• Observe the developing child within his/her usual surroundings
• See how an infant fits into the family
• Make some observations on Community Health
• Study growth and development and the factors which influence them
• Gain some early professional experience
• Obtain experience in recording and assessing data

[Please turn over for more details]

What is involved for the parents?
We are asking if you would consider taking part in this very valuable student activity. If you are willing to be part of the integrated learning activity, students (working in pairs) will meet with you either during your final few weeks of pregnancy or after the birth of your baby. The students are expected to visit you approximately 7 times over the course of 18 months. Each visit would be approximately 60 – 90 minutes long. Visits would be expected to be scheduled at times that are suitable to you and your child.

Participation is voluntary, and you can withdraw at any time
There is no obligation for you to agree to take part in this integrated learning activity and you are free to withdraw from it at any time without needing to provide a reason. Whether you take part or not, will in no way affect the care that you and your baby receive.

The Students
The students are only in their second year at University. They cannot give any medical advice. Any questions that you have about your baby will need to be discussed with your Lead Maternity Carer, your family doctor or other health professional.
Information that is collected by the students
When the students talk to you, they record the information in their book. This information does not contain any identifying details such as addresses or surnames. When they visit they will record what you tell them about your baby’s growth and development and any changes in the family or home environment. They will, for example, note the age at which the baby rolls over.

Some information on the growth and development of all the babies in the project is put onto a database. The data entered is linked on the database to the student by a unique number and has no personal identifying features of the family. This information is used to help students understand the wide range of normal growth and development. The information is stored on the university computer system and secured using passwords. All information is stored for approximately 6 years and then deleted.

The students may discuss some aspects of the project with the School of Medicine teaching staff who supervise the project. The staff will assess the student’s records at the end of the project. All information about you and your family is confidential to the student involved, the supervising teaching staff and your family’s medical advisers. If a student finds that information that is provided may adversely affect the health of your child then it is expected that the student will discuss this with the course supervisors. The students have not finished training and are not able to give medical advice.

Your family name and address will not be recorded anywhere in the students’ notes. If for any reason you wish for your child’s results, then contact Dr Diane Emery, Email: DEmery@adhb.govt.nz.

The integrated learning activity is to enable medical students to learn about child development in a real life situation.

Please remember to let one of your students know if you move house during the project period. Either contact them directly or call / email Shelly D’Silla, Practicum Placement Co-ordinator, Department of Paediatrics, on 923-6243 or s.dsilva@auckland.ac.nz.

Contact person for mothers taking part:
The HELD Recruiter
Department of Paediatrics: Child Youth and Health
University of Auckland
Ph: 3074949 ext. 23798, E-mail: Held@auckland.ac.nz

Ethics
For any concerns regarding ethical issues you may contact the Chair, the University of Auckland Human Participants Ethics Committee, at the University of Auckland Research Office, Private Bag 92019, Auckland 1142.
Telephone 09 373-7599 ext. 83711.
Email: humanethics@auckland.ac.nz.

Approved by the University of Auckland Human Participants Ethics Committee on 11 December 2018 for three years. Reference Number 022473.