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Briony Murphy is a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) student with the Department of Forensic Medicine, Monash University, under the supervision of Professor Joseph Ibrahim, Dr Lyndal Bugeja and Dr Jennifer Pilgrim and supported by an Australian Government Research Training Program (RTP) stipend. Briony commenced her PhD research in March 2014 using existing medico-legal death investigation information to describe the prevalence and nature of intentional deaths among nursing home residents in Australia. Briony is passionate about maximising the use of existing medico-legal datasets to improve service provision and health outcomes for some of society's most vulnerable populations.

Briony Murphy is employed by the Department of Forensic Medicine as a Research Assistant on a project funded by the Commonwealth Government Department of Social Services to examine the frequency and nature of external cause deaths in Residential Aged Care Services (RACS) in Australia to identify potential risk factors and inform prevention strategies.

Briony has a background in criminal justice administration and injury prevention research after graduating from RMIT in 2013 with first class honours in Criminal Justice Administration (BA) for her thesis on service contacts proximate to intimate partner homicide. While completing her thesis, Briony worked in the Coroners Prevention Unit at the Coroners Court of Victoria, where she assisted on a number of research projects with an injury/death prevention focus and became familiar with the coronial process and the use of medico-legal information for research purposes.

Briony is an active member of several peak bodies in health and ageing research, including the Australian Association of Gerontology for which she is an executive member of the Victorian Division, and Student and Early Career Group at the national level.