

# Improving hearing services for autistic people (ALDAP)

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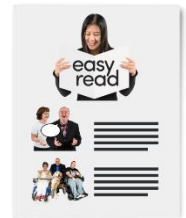
<https://sites.manchester.ac.uk/aldap/>



- We are inviting you to take part in a study.
- We want to make hearing services better for autistic people.



- This is an information sheet about the study.



- Please read this sheet and ask questions before you decide if you want to take part.



## What is this study about?

- Sometimes people have problems with their hearing.
- They find it hard to hear.



- An audiologist can test your hearing and help you to hear better.



- You might have used hearing services (Audiology) before.
- Or you may have wanted to use hearing services, but you were not able to.

## What will I do if I take part?



- We want to ask you about what it is like to use hearing services.
- If you did not use hearing services in the end, we want to know why it did not happen.



- We want to know what was good and what was bad.
- We want to ask you how to make hearing services better.



- We would like to ask you these questions at a group meeting, called a focus group.
- We would like you to come to 1 focus group, with up to 6 autistic people.



- You do not have to tell us anything you do not want to.
- You do not need to tell us what hearing problems or care you had.



- We would like to show you some information used by hearing services at the focus group, such as leaflets and forms.



- The focus group will take place online, using Zoom.
- If you need help to use Zoom, you can visit this website or ask us:



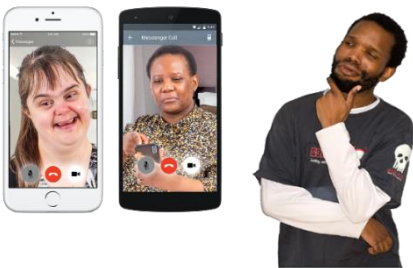
<https://www.autistica.org.uk/get-involved/get-involved-1-1/guide-to-webinars-on-zoom>



- You can attend the focus group from a computer, mobile phone, or tablet/iPad.



- You will be able to see us at the focus group.



- We would like you to have your camera on so we can see you too.
- You do not have to.



- The focus group will take 1 hour.
- It will happen at a time that is good for you.



- We want to record what you say in the focus group.
- Please only agree to take part if you are happy to be recorded.





- You will be able to type your views in the chat.
- We will record what you say in the chat.



Siobhan



## Who is running the study?

- Our names are Siobhan, Shanice, and Marianne.
- We will run the focus groups.
- We work at work at The University of Manchester.



- Siobhan is an Audiologist.



## Do I have to take part?

- No. You do not have to come to a focus group.
- It is your choice.
- Taking part, or not, will not change the support you get.





- If you decide to take part, you can change your mind.
- You do not have to tell me why you want to stop.



- You can leave the focus group if you want to, without any negative effects to you.



- We will not be able to remove what you say in the study when we combine what everyone said.



- If you want to take part, we will ask you to sign a form.
- We will send the form to your email. You will sign the form online.
- Or you can tell us you are happy to take part.

## Good things about taking part?



- As a thank you for taking part, you will receive a £10 'Love2shop' voucher.
- This will be sent to your email after the focus group.

## What if I feel sad in the group?



- You might feel sad.
- This is ok, and you can stop if you want to.
- We will ask you what we can do to make you feel comfortable.

## What will you do with the results?



- We can tell you what we found at the end of our study.
- We will share what we find with hearing services, autistic people, and other people who are interested in our study.

## What happens to my information?



- Your information will be kept private and safe.
- We will not use your name when we tell people what we found.



- The University of Manchester or other authorities may need to check our work.
- They will keep your information safe.

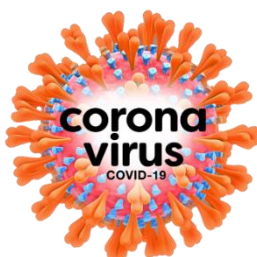


- If we think you or someone else is not safe, we will have to tell other people.



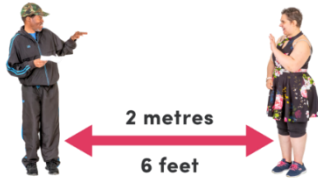
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## Coronavirus information:



- If you plan to take part in a focus group from a place outside of your home, you must follow these rules:





- You should not leave your home if you have Coronavirus symptoms.
- You must follow the social distancing rules at the place you go to.



- If you have any questions or comments about this study, you can email us at:

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