

# Improving hearing services for autistic people (ALDAP)

## Information Sheet – For Children

You can find videos about the study at our website:

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

### ➤ **Who we are:**

Hi, my name is Siobhan. I work with Shanice and Marianne. We work at the University of Manchester.

Our job is to find out about the help children get for hearing problems. We want to make hearing care better for autistic children.

Would you like to help us with our work?

You don't have to if you don't want to.

You can ask us questions about what we are doing.

### ➤ **What are we doing?**

- Every day we use our ears to hear different sounds and noises. We use our ears to listen to songs and hear what people say.
- Sometimes people find it hard to hear. If you find it hard to hear, you can see an audiologist.

- The audiologist can check your ears and test your hearing. They can help you to hear better.
- You might have seen an audiologist before. Or your parent/guardian wanted you to, but it did not happen.
- We want to ask you about what it is like to see an audiologist or have a hearing test. If you did not see an audiologist 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 show you some information that audiologists use at the group.
- We want to know what you think about this information and if it could be better.
- Siobhan is an audiologist.

➤ **What do I have to do?**

- We would like to ask you these questions in a group.
- We would like you to take part in 1 group.
- There will be up to 6 autistic children at the group.

- Parents/guardians will be at the group too.
- The group will happen online.
- You will be able to see us (Siobhan, Shanice, and Marianne).
- We would like to see you too. We ask that you have your camera turned on, but you do not have to.
- The 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 group. Only take part if you are happy to be recorded.
- You will be able to put messages in the chat at the group. We will save what you say in the chat.
- You do not have to tell us anything you do not want to.
- You do not have to tell us about any hearing problems or care you had if you do not want to.

➤ **Do I have to take part?**

- No. You do not have to take part.
- It is your choice.
- If you choose to take part, you can change your mind.
- You can leave the group if you want to.

## ➤ **What happens to what I say?**

- We will need to know:
  - Your name
  - Your parent/guardian's contact details (email address and telephone number).
- We want to record what you say in the group so we can remember it. We want to save the messages you put in the chat.
- Only Siobhan, Shanice, and Marianne will know this information and what you say. Your teacher will not.
- Nobody else will be able to see what you said.
- We will keep what you say safe by making sure that no one else sees it other than me, Shanice, and Marianne. We will take your name off your work. We will keep your answers for 5 years, in accordance with the University of Manchester retention schedule, and then we will destroy them.
- We can tell you what we found out in our work.

## ➤ **What do I do now?**

- If you want to know more or have any questions, please ask you mum, dad, or the person who looks after you. We have given them extra information about this.

Let me know if you would like to take part. Thank you.