

Improving hearing services for autistic people (ALDAP)

Easy Read Information Sheet - Children

You can visit the study website for videos about the study:

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



Siobhan

Who we are:

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



Shanice



Marianne



- 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 sounds and noises.
- Sometimes people find it hard to hear.



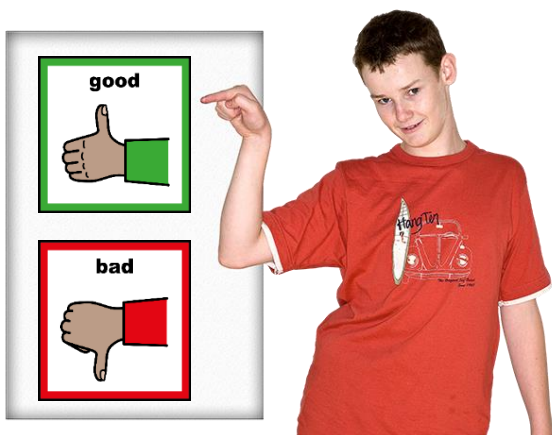
- If you find it hard to hear, you can see an audiologist.



- The audiologist can test your hearing and help you to hear better.
- You might have had a hearing test before. Or your parent/guardian wanted you to.



- 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 care better.



- We would like to show you some information that audiologists use.
- We want to know what you think about this information and if it could be better.



- 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.



- Siobhan is an audiologist.



What would I be asked to do if I take part?

- We would like to ask you these questions in a group.



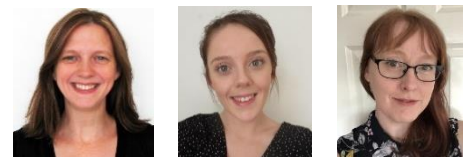
- We would like you to take part in 1 group.
- There will be up to 6 autistic children at the group.



- Parents/guardians will be at the group too.



- The groups will happen online.
- We will be running the groups. You will be able to see us.



- We would like to see you.
- 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 your family.



- 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 type what you think at the group.
- We will record what you type.



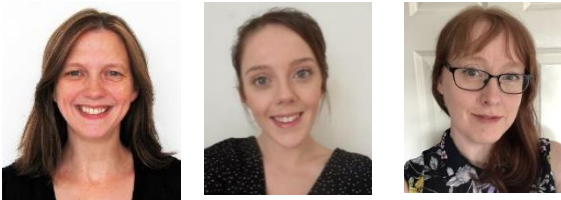
Do I have to take part?

- 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?



- Only Siobhan, Shanice, and Marianne will know what you say.



- Nobody else will be able to see what you said.
- We will keep these things safe and private.



- The University of Manchester or other people may need to check our work.
- They will keep what you said safe.



- We will have to tell your parents or guardians or other people things you say if we are worried about you.



- We can tell you what we found in our work.

What do I do now?



- If you want to know more, please ask your mum, dad, or the person who looks after you.
- I have given them more information.

Let me know if you would like to take part.

Thank you.