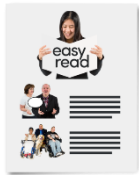


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- We are inviting you to take part in a study.
- We want to make Hearing Services better for people with learning disabilities.



- 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 the study about?



- Sometimes people have problems with their hearing.
- They might 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 might 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 could not use Hearing Services we want to ask you why.

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- 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 some questions about Hearing Services at a group meeting, called a **Focus Group**.
- We would like you to come to 1 Focus Group with up to 6 people with learning disabilities.



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

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- We would like to show you some information used by Hearing Services, such as leaflets and forms.
- We would like to know if they are helpful.



- The Focus Group will last for 1 hour.
- It will happen at a time and place 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.





Siobhan



Shanice



Marianne

Who is running the study?

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



- Siobhan has worked as an Audiologist in Sheffield, Chesterfield, Barnsley and Rotherham.

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.

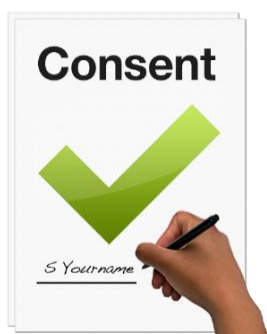




- If you decide to take part, you can still change your mind later.



- You can leave the focus group if you want to.
- You do not have to tell us why you want to leave.
- If you do leave, we will still include what you have told us before you leave, in our results.



- If you want to take part, we will ask you to sign a form.
- Or you can tell us if you are happy to take part.

Good things about taking part?



- We will use what you tell us to improve Hearing Services for people with learning disabilities.
- As a thank you for taking part, you will receive a £10 'Love2shop' voucher.
- This will be given to you at the end of the focus group.

What if I feel sad in the group?



- You might feel sad.
- This is ok, and you can leave the group 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, people with learning disabilities, 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.



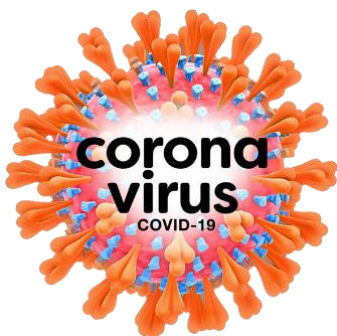
- If we think you, or someone else, is not safe, we will have to tell other people, like a member of your care team, or a family member.



If you would like to know more about your rights, please see our Privacy Notice for Research:

<https://documents.manchester.ac.uk/display.aspx?DocID=37095>

What about the Coronavirus? Can we still meet?



- You should not attend the meeting if you have Coronavirus symptoms.



- We will follow social distancing rules.



- The researchers will take a test before the focus group.
- You **do not** have to take a test.

If the Government rules change we will run online groups instead.

Contact details:

If you want to come to a group or ask about the study, you can email us:



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You can find our study website, here:



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