

# Participant Information Sheet

**For young people aged 11 - 15**

***Making autism assessments better for deaf children and young people***

If you would like to watch this in BSL, please visit our website:  
**[www.comic.org.uk](http://www.comic.org.uk)**

If you do not have access to the internet, please ask us for a BSL DVD of this information sheet (see back of this leaflet).



## What is this project about?

This project is about making assessments better for deaf children and young people, who might have autism spectrum disorder (ASD).

### What is Autism?

Autism describes people who see the world differently, for example:

- They may have difficulty understanding other people's feelings
- They may prefer to spend more time on their own
- They may have difficulty in communicating
- They may have difficulty accepting change e.g. when things happen, how things happen or change in food
- They may find it hard to understand other people
- They may do things over and over again.

### Why are we doing this?

We need good assessments for deaf children and young people because this will help us to find out if they have ASD or not. With this information we can give the right help.



There are good assessments for hearing children and young people who might have ASD **BUT** there are no assessments that suit deaf children and young people.

### Why are we asking you?

We are asking deaf children and hearing children to help us, to see if three new assessments work.

### What are the names of the assessments?

**ADOS-2:** Play session (you and one of our staff)

**ADI-R:** Talking to parent(s)/carer(s)

**SRS-2:** Parent(s)/carer(s) fill out a form.

## What happens next?

The researcher will meet with you and your family to talk about the project. You can ask as many questions as you want.

### What will I do if I want to be involved?

- 1.** Sign the "Consent Form" if you are happy to be involved. We have the "Consent Form" in British Sign Language. Please contact us if you would like to watch this.
- 2.** Answer some questions about yourself. Your parent(s)/carer(s) can help you.
- 3.** Meet one of our staff members who might ask you some questions. Your parent(s)/carer(s) will be in the same room as you.
- 4.** Play games and talk with another member from our team, for about 1 hour. This will happen on a different day. The session will be video recorded.

### Why we may contact your school

We may contact your school and teacher but only if we require any extra information. We will only do this if you agree for us to send them a questionnaire about you.

### Why video?

We will check the video as part of our project. We will see if the play session works well.

### Will this be confidential?

This research is confidential. This means that we will not share your personal information. We will use a number and not your name e.g. YP1022.



## What will happen after I finish?

That is all you need to do. We will pay for your travel costs. We will also give a £40 voucher to your family to say thank you for your time with us.

## This is your choice – tell us what you think about the study

When we have finished meeting you, we will ask you tell us what you think about being involved in the study e.g. How can we make things better?

It is your choice to tell us what you think; you do not have to tell us if you do not want to.

## What happens if I do not want to be involved?

You can change your mind at any time and you do not have to be involved. You do not have to explain why. It is your choice.

## What happens in the future, if I don't want my video clip used in the training?

You can contact us at any time to let us know that you want us to destroy your video clip. We will then destroy the clip.

## If you want to ask us anything:

**You can:**

**Email:** [researchdiads.lypft@nhs.net](mailto:researchdiads.lypft@nhs.net)

**Phone:** 01904 294827




**Text message:** 07973 630601

**FaceTime:** 07973 630601



You can contact **Helen Phillips**, the Trial Coordinator, who will reply to you.

**Thank you for taking time to read this leaflet.**

We can offer you this information in:

<p><b>other languages</b></p> 	<p><b>large print or braille</b></p> 	<p><b>audio</b></p> 
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