



Parent Participation Information Sheet

Study Title: An exploration of culturally Deaf parents' experiences of collaboration with hearing school staff

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You are invited to take part in this research study. To help you decide whether you would like to take part or not, it is important that you understand why this research is being done and what your involvement would look like. Please watch this video in full. The researcher's email address will be provided near the end so that you can ask questions if anything is not clear or if you would like more information before you make a decision. You are welcome to discuss this with others, but it is your decision whether or not you take part. If you are happy to participate, you will be asked to sign a consent form.

What is the research about?

This research aims to explore the experiences of culturally Deaf parents of collaborating with their hearing children's hearing school staff. It is expected that those who participate in this study will be able to provide insight into the current strengths and weaknesses of collaboration between Deaf parents and their hearing children's hearing school staff and make suggestions about how collaborative practice can be further developed.

Why have I been asked to participate?

You have been asked to participate because you meet the criteria for the target sample. For the purpose of this study, this means that you are a Deaf parent whose preferred language is British Sign Language and who has at least one hearing child who attends a mainstream hearing school.

What will happen if I take part?

If you take part, you can expect to participate in one interview of about 90 minutes long. This will take place in person at Worcestershire County Hall or at your child's school and will involve yourself, the researcher and a BSL interpreter. During the interview, you will be asked a set of questions prepared by the researcher relating to your experiences of collaborating with hearing school staff. The researcher will ask follow-up questions based on your answers. With your permission, the interview will be video and audio recorded to enable later transcription by the researcher. You will receive information at the beginning of the interview about the study and what to expect. The researcher will also require you to provide your written consent to participate in the study, so a form will be provided for you to sign on the day of the interview. This form will be translated by an interpreter. You will have the opportunity to ask any questions before consenting to the study. After the interview, you will receive a full debrief from the researcher.

Are there any benefits to taking part in this study?

By taking part in this study, you will have an opportunity to share your experiences and opinions of working collaboratively with hearing school staff. The information from this research is planned to be used to develop the practice of professionals working in Worcestershire education services.

Are there any risks involved?

Due to the relatively small Deaf population within the West Midlands, it is possible that you may be identifiable. However, steps will be taken to protect your anonymity by assigning you with different name and removing identifiable information from transcripts.

What data will be collected?

Your name and signature will be collected when signing the consent form. This will be the only document where your name will be stated. Data will be collected through the video and audio recordings taken during the interview which will then be transcribed by the researcher for analysis. The transcript will be anonymised and you will be referred to by your assigned name. All video and audio recordings and transcripts will be password protected and stored on the University of Birmingham's secure server.

Will my participation be confidential?

All measures will be taken by the researcher to ensure confidentiality. Only essential data will be collected from you. For example, no personal data such as date of birth will be collected. You will be allocated a different name which will be used in transcripts and in the final report. All documents and recordings which contain your data will be held securely and under password protection on the University of Birmingham's secure server and will only be accessed by the researcher and their university tutors. The interview will take place in a private room. The researcher will review and transcribe data in a private room.

Do I have to take part?

No. There is no obligation for you to participate.

What happens if I change my mind?

If you change your mind about participating, you can email the researcher expressing your wish to either not go ahead with conducting an interview or to withdraw your interview data if you have already completed an interview. You will have up to seven days after completing your interview to withdraw from the study and have any data that you have provided up until that point securely destroyed. After this period, your data will be fully anonymized and so it won't be possible to remove the data from the study.

What will happen to the results of the research?

Anonymous data will be stored by the researcher's university tutors for up to 10 years and transcripts may be accessed by other researchers in the interest of open science. Results will be reported in a postgraduate thesis and may also be published in an academic journal article. The findings will also be discussed within Worcestershire Children First's All-Age Disability Directorate to develop the practice of professionals working with children, young people and their parents in education settings.

Where can I get more information?

You can ask any questions to the researcher or to their university tutors. The debrief sheet will also provide a summary of the research as well as the contact details of the researcher and their university tutors.

What happens if there is a problem?

If you have any concern about any aspect of this study, you should contact the researcher who will do their best to answer your questions. If you remain unhappy after speaking to the researcher or have a complaint about any aspect of this study, please contact the researcher's university tutors. If participating in the study has raised any issues for you, you can contact the following charities for advice and support:

- Action Deafness: <https://actiondeafness.org.uk/>
- The Royal National Institute for Deaf People: <https://rnid.org.uk/>
- deafPLUS: <https://www.deafplus.org/deafplus-advice-line/>

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Thank you for taking the time to read this information sheet and considering taking part in the research.