

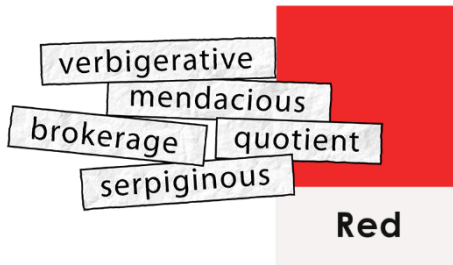
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ASSENT Newsletter June 2022



This is **newsletter 3** for Project ASSENT extension.



Difficult words
are in **red**



and **explained**



at the **end**.



We **asked** different **people**



about how to make the
online guidance better.



We asked in **focus group
discussions**



and **interviews**



X 2

We had **two focus groups**
for **researchers**,



X

two focus group for **research**
ethics committee members



X 2

and **two focus groups** for
practitioners.



We interviewed



adults living with **capacity
and communication
difficulties**



We interviewed



X 8

eight adults living with
**capacity and
communication difficulties**



on their own



or **with someone** who knows them well.



They told us what they thought



about the **online guidance**.



We are now **looking at** what they told us.

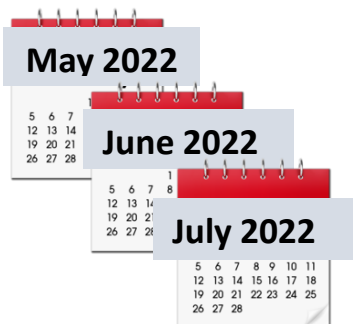


We will tell you all about it later.

A new researcher joined the team



Alex is a **new researcher** on project ASSENT team.



He is working with us for **three months**.



He is **studying law**



at the **University of East Anglia**



He is looking at **changes** to
the law



The law about **including
people** in **research**



who may have **difficulties**
with **making** their own
decisions.

A form titled "Thought" with two speech bubbles containing question marks. Below the title is the question "1. What do you think about it?" followed by three checkboxes: "Good", "Bad", and "Not sure". The "Not sure" checkbox is checked with a blue mark. A hand holding a pen is shown next to the checkboxes.

We will then **write our**
thoughts about the changes



and **submit** by **7th July 2022**.

Publications



We have **written another paper** called: “How are adults with capacity-affecting conditions and associated communication difficulties included in ethically-sound research?”

We are preparing:



Another **paper** is **ready to be submitted**. It is about what different people are doing about including adults with **capacity and communication difficulties** safely in research.

Staff training days

Research Ethics Committee members



X 3

We have **shared**
project ASSENT
findings with
Research Ethics
Committee members
in **three regions**



in **different parts** of
the **UK**.



X 4

We have **four more**
regions to share with.

Research Design Service Staff



We **shared** project
ASSENT **findings**
with those who
work at



**Research Design
Service** in East of
England.



They are experts
who **help**
researchers design
their **studies**

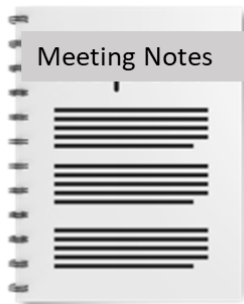


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15th June 2022.

Advisory Group



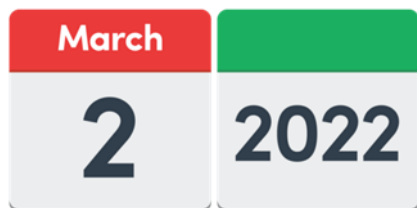
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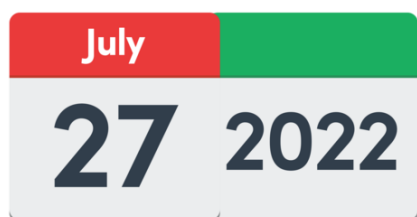
sending **meeting notes**



and **newsletters** to them.



The **first meeting** was
Wednesday 2nd
March 2022.



The **second meeting**
will be **Wednesday**
27th July 2022

Project ASSENT Seminars



We have **shared findings** of
project ASSENT



University of Essex

at **Essex university**



and **University of East Anglia**



The **seminar** was **online**



Lots of people attended.

Seminar dates:



The **next** seminar is
Thursday 14th July 2022



At **12noon – 1pm**



If interested, contact the
administrator, **Sharon Vout**.
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Future Updates



We will **send** our
newsletter to you



every four months



You can also **ask** us to
send **our newsletter** to
you



by contacting **Sharon
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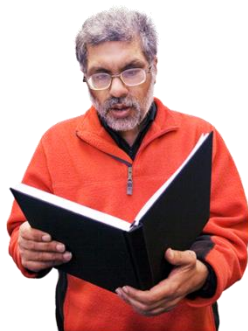
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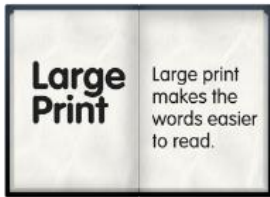
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is also **available in**



- **Standard Text**



- **Easy Text**



To **see another version**



Or to **ask any questions,**



you can speak to the project
leader, **Dr Karen Bunning.**



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Telephone: 01603 591254



Choose the **option** that **YOU**
prefer.

List of difficult words

Capacity difficulties - Finding it difficult to think what something means to you, to remember it, and to make a decision.

Communication difficulties - Finding it difficult to understand what people say and to say what you think.

Practitioner – a person who practices something specific. For example, a medical doctor or psychologist.

Focus group – a group of people that discuss a particular topic together.

Advisory group – a group of people who gives us advice for our project.

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