

Easy Read



ASSENT Newsletter March 2022



This is newsletter 2 for Project ASSENT extension.



Difficult words
are in **red**



and **explained**



at the **end**.



We are asking people to
take part in Project ASSENT
Extension



Taking part in Project ASSENT
Extension involves:



Focus group with researchers



Focus group with members of
Research Ethics Committees



Focus group with
practitioners



We will also interview



adults living with **capacity
and communication
difficulties**



This includes adults living
with:



learning disabilities



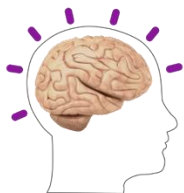
autism



dementia



and those who have had a
stroke



acquired brain injury



and mental health conditions



We can interview



adults with **capacity and
communication difficulties**



on their own



or with someone who knows
them well.



They can tell us what they think



about practical ways



of including people



with **capacity and communication difficulties**



in research.

Video creation



We will record on video



real examples of
communication



between people with
**capacity and
communication difficulties**



and those who know them
best.



Showing usual ways of
communicating



will make the online
guidance better.



We want to record on video



4 to 6 people



with **capacity and
communication difficulties**



with those who know them
best.



We want videos that show



expression of agreement
or positive feelings towards
something,



or disagreement about
something.



The video will be about half a
minute to one minute long.



The video clips will be part of
our online guidance.



Researchers at the Open
University helped us with the
process



of creating videos



so that everyone is safe and sound.



If you know someone interested in **making video** for our **online guidance**,



contact the **researchers**.



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Publications



First paper is: Lost voices.
People with capacity and
communication difficulties
are under-represented in
research



The paper is available online

<https://online.fliphtml5.com/getge/vkfw/#p=14>

Coming out soon:



A paper on the
process of including
adults with **capacity
and communication
difficulties** safely in
research.

Preparing another paper



We are preparing more papers. Further updates later.

Development days:

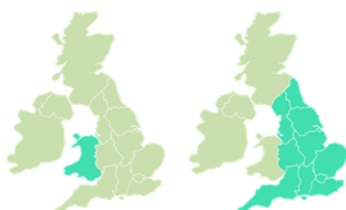
Staff training days

- **Research Ethics Committee members**



We will present Project ASSENT findings to

research ethics committee members



in different parts of the UK

Research Design Service Staff



We have been asked to share project ASSENT findings with



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



They are experts who help researchers to design their studies.

Advisory Group



Former members of the **Advisory Group** were invited to

continue as
members.



Our **Advisory Group** is
made of different
people



adults living with
**capacity and
communication
difficulties**



supporters of adults
living with **capacity
and communication
difficulties**

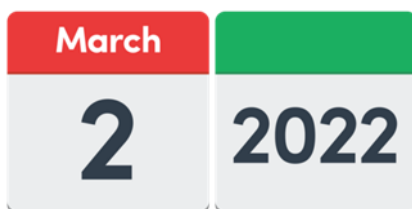
Representatives of
**Health Research
Authority**



Some have served on
**research ethics
committees.**



The group will meet
two times.



The first meeting was
held on Wednesday
2nd March 2022

Project ASSENT Seminars



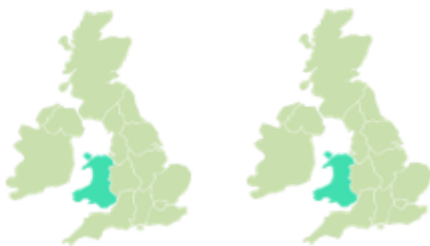
We have started to share our findings



and talk about the online guidance



with researchers



in England and Wales



The seminar is online

Seminar dates:

Past and upcoming

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Thursday 23rd February 2022

2022 MARCH						
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Thursday 10th March 2022



12:00

2022 JULY						
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12noon – 1pm on

Thursday 14th July 2022



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Future Updates



We will send our
newsletter to you



every three months



You can also ask us to
send our newsletter to
you



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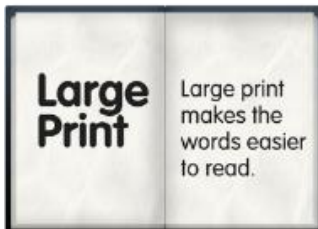
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or to ask any questions,



you can speak to Karen
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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

Recruitment – inviting people to take part in research

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Health Research Authority – the group that protects and promotes safe research.