

Project ASSENT January 2020

Newsletter

Welcome to the 8th newsletter for Project ASSENT.

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Stage 1 Progress

The research team are continuing to work on the second paper to come from the project, entitled 'Inclusion under the Mental Capacity Act (2005): A review of research governance in England and Wales'. The research questions underpinning this paper were 'how are impairments of capacity and/or communication, in research involving adult participants, recognised and represented in research governance in England and Wales?'

Advisory Group

We have had a third meeting of the project Advisory Group. The meeting focused principally on the main content of a draft interim report for the Nuffield Foundation, for review and comment by the members. As in previous meetings, the report was delivered as a PowerPoint presentation with pictorial images displayed to enhance word meaning.

The Art Group

The art group at the Broadland Clinic continue to apply themselves to the task of producing original works of art for the guidelines planned for the end of the project. Karen has visited the group at regular intervals to review their pictures and to talk to the group members about the targeted words and their meanings. Some of the words associated with mental capacity and the research process are extremely challenging to put into picture form, as you can imagine. However, the group have been encouraged by their tutor to explore the use of colour, shape and form to help their visualisation. The resulting pictures are a mixture of line drawings, watercolour and bubble writing - all with plenty of colour! Further updates in 2020.

We are pleased to share a poem written by one of our Working Group members.



Assent project

Assent came about from an idea
Making it easy to understand and making it clear
By researchers information and listening to views
From different people then some group logos to choose

A working group was made in a diverse way
So the group could understand and have their say
The input was great from the start
We work as an equal all information comes from the heart

Using what's app and easy read and audio to communicate
Support costs paid accessibility is great
Being understood and at a good speed and pace
Nothing was rushed as if it's a race

We made plain English questions for researchers
And tested them out by interviews on Purpose
People had lots to say its been very well laid out
We hope researchers take it all into account

Taking time for people with difficult complex needs
Listening and getting their voices said indeed
We want to make a difference in what we do and say
And to work in a positive and mindful way

By Hayley Burwood 2019



Materials in accessible formats

We aim to make materials in accessible formats so that everyone can hear about our project. The Newsletter is available in Standard Text, Easy Read, Easy Text and Audio.

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Future Updates



You can also contact Karen Bunning if you would like further information on our project.

If you have signed up to our newsletter mailing list, we will send our bi-monthly newsletter to you and keep you informed. You can sign up to the newsletter by following this link: www.uea.ac.uk/assent/newsletter.

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