

Project ASSENT Newsletter

May 2023




What We Have Done So Far

Project ASSENT is a **project** to **help include adults** who may **lack capacity**, and may have **communication difficulties**, in ethically-sound **research**.

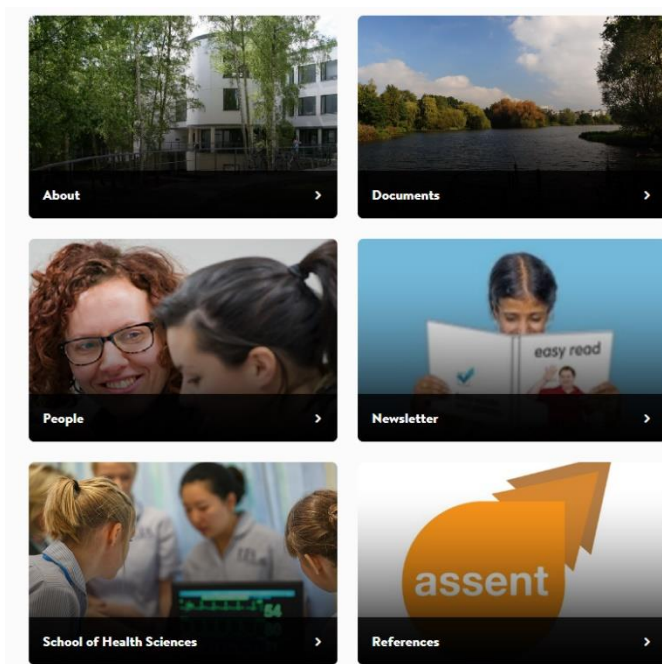
We worked with **different people** to **create online guidance**. Our **online guidance helps** researchers to **include adults** who may have **difficulties** with **capacity** and/or **communication in research**.

People who helped us create our online guidance included **adults with capacity and/or communication difficulties**, **researchers**, **practitioners**, and people who are **members of research ethics committees**.

How can I find out more?

We have a **website** which has information about  **Project**. The information on our website includes:

- Information [about](#)  Project
- [Reports](#) – including written in **easy text**, **easy read** with **narration**, and **standard text**
- Details about [who](#) is working on  Project
- Our past [newsletters](#)
- Information about [articles](#) we have written



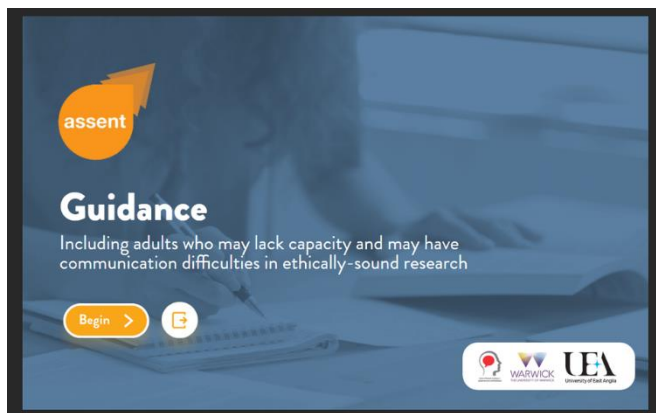
Here is a **picture** from the front page of our **website**.

You can see our website by following this link:

<https://www.uea.ac.uk/groups-and-centres/assent>

What is New?

Online Guidance



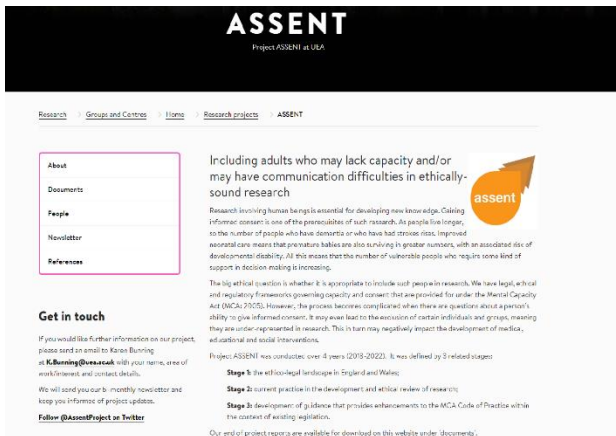
Our **online guidance** is called, 'Including adults who may lack capacity and may have communication difficulties in ethically-sound research'.

We have **made some changes to our online guidance** so that it is as up to date as possible.

You can **click** on the following **link** to **visit** our **online guidance**:

<https://www.marshallacm.co.uk/ClientScorm/UEA/Assent/2022/v6/story.html>

Website



We have **updated** our **website** so that it is as up to date as possible. You can **click** the following link to see what is new on our **website**:

<https://www.uea.ac.uk/groups-and-centres/assent>

Publications

We have **published** two new articles about our work:



This is an **article** in **BMJ Open** called 'Inclusion of adults with conditions that have the potential to affect capacity and or communication in research: triangulation from a mixed-methods study of current practice and value across multiple stakeholders' – Killeet et al. (2023).

You can read this article for free by clicking [HERE](https://www.bmj.com/lookup/doi/10.1136/bmjopen-2022-008000).

Easy Text

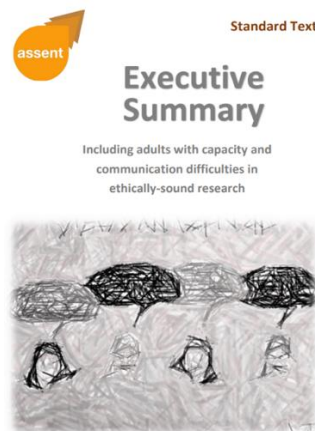
2) This is an **article** in *Bulletin* by The Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists.

The article was **written** by Dr Karen Bunning.



Reports

We submitted our [final report](#) and [executive report](#) to our funders, The Nuffield Foundation.



What else have we been doing?

Making Recommendations - Mental Capacity Act Consultation

We **responded to questionnaires** and **sent our report to the Minister of Health**.

We are **waiting to hear about the results of the Mental Capacity Act Consultation**. **We will update you about this** when we know more.

Sharing Information about the Project - Health Research Authority's Development Days

We've been **sharing what we think with the Health Research Authority** at online and in-person **events in England and Wales**. **Our information has been very well received**.

Delivering Training - Hertfordshire Learning Disability Services

We have been **sharing our guidance with staff members** who **work with adults who have capacity and communication difficulties** at the **Hertfordshire Learning Disability Services**.

What's Next?

We will **be in touch** as soon as possible to **tell you** how you can **answer a questionnaire** to tell us **what you think** about our **online guidance**.

You can **email** Dr Karen Bunning if you would like to **ask** or **tell us** anything about Project ASSENT: k.bunning@uea.ac.uk

You can also give Dr Karen Bunning's email address to **people you know** who want to **sign up** to our **newsletters**.

You can also **email Dr Karen Bunning** to **ask** for the **newsletter in easy read or standard text format**.

Easy Text

You can also **tell people** you know about our [website](#) and [online guidance](#).

You can **follow** us on **Twitter** - [@AssentProject](#).

Thank you and speak soon from all at Project ASSENT.