

Project ASSENT Newsletter

May 2023



This is a **newsletter**
about **Project ASSENT**



Difficult words are in **green**



and **explained**



at the **end**.

What is Project ASSENT?



Project ASSENT helps people who have difficulties with understanding and/or communicating to take part in research.



We spoke to lots of people to help us with the project.



People who told us what they thought included:



Adults who have difficulties with understanding and/or communication



Researchers



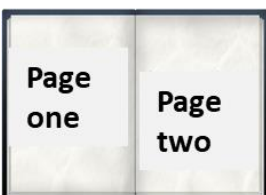
Practitioners



Research ethics committees.



We listened to what they told us.



Then we wrote online guidance.

What is new with Project ASSENT?



We have written questionnaires.



The questionnaires ask people what they think about our online guidance.



The **research ethics committees** are checking the questionnaires.



We will ask people who use our online guidance to fill in the questionnaires.



We have updated our website.

Easy Read



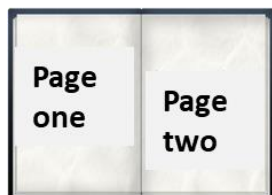
You can see our website by clicking [HERE](#).



We have also updated our online guidance.



You can see our guidance by clicking [HERE](#).



We wrote two articles about our work.

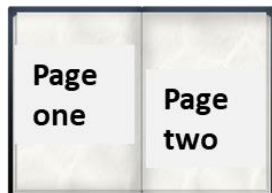


You can see our first article in a journal by clicking [HERE](#).

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The second article is in a magazine called 'Bulletin'.



We wrote two reports about how the project went.



A shorter report is on a website by the Nuffield Foundation [HERE](#).

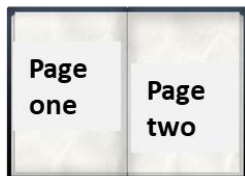


A long report is on the Nuffield Foundation website [HERE](#).



We made some suggestions to the **Minister of Health**.

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We are waiting to hear about the results of the **Mental Capacity Act Consultation**.



We will tell you when we hear anything about this.



We told the **Health Research Authority** about our project in-person and online.



We also told staff who work at Hertfordshire Learning Disability Services about our project.

What is next for Project ASSENT?



We will share our questionnaire.



People who use our guidance can answer our questionnaire.



We will send you more emails when we have more to tell you.



You can follow us on Twitter by clicking [HERE](#).



You can contact us by emailing here: k.bunning@uea.ac.uk

Thank you for reading this newsletter!

Accessible information



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is also **available in:**



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- **Easy Text**

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To **see another version**



Or to **ask any questions,**



you can email the project leader, **Dr Karen Bunning** –
k.bunning@uea.ac.uk

List of difficult words

Health Research Authority – A group of people who are interested in health and social care.

Mental Capacity Act Consultation – This is a law about other people making decisions for people who find it hard to make decisions.

Minister of Health – A person who works for the government and works in health.

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

Research Ethics Committee – Teams who read research proposals and say whether it is safe and sound or not.