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How can post-16 provision prepare young people with special educational needs for adulthood?

Parent/Carer Information & Consent Form

This is an invitation to take part in research by Lancashire Educational Psychology team.

Before you decide whether you wish to take part, it is important for you to understand why this research is being done and what it will involve. Please take the time to read the following information carefully.

What is this project about?

Lancashire Educational Psychology team are currently exploring how to improve post-16 provision to meet the needs and aspirations of young people with special educational needs.

The purpose of this research is to find out what has been helpful for young people in terms of their current provision and what would be helpful for them in the future.

Lancashire Educational Psychology team are keen to speak to:

- parents/carers of young people aged 14-16 (Key Stage 4) who attend GLD special schools, including ASD specialist provision
- young people aged 14-16 who attend general learning difficulties (GLD) special schools, including ASD specialist provision
- head teachers of GLD special schools, including ASD specialist provision

Why have I been asked to take part?

You have been asked to take part in this research because you are a parent/carers of a young person aged 14-16 who attends a special school.

What does this involve?

Lancashire Educational Psychology team are inviting parents/carers to share their views as part of a focus group of parents/carers. A focus group allows for non-judgemental

discussion around a topic. All information discussed remains confidential and participants are anonymous. The focus group will last approximately 1 to 1.5 hours.

What happens with the information I share?

The focus group will take place via Microsoft Teams. The session will be audio-recorded and transcribed by members of Lancashire Educational Psychology team. Notes recorded on the day and any written record of the meeting will also be collected and analysed. This data may be written up into a research report.

How is confidentiality maintained?

All data that is recorded will only be listened to by members of Lancashire Educational Psychology team. The transcription of the focus group will be anonymised, and digital audio-recording will be deleted once the research report has been written and the recording is no longer needed. All information will be stored safely and securely in line with the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR).

Further information is available on the SEND privacy notice:

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/council/transparency/access-to-information/service-and-project-specific-privacy-notice/lancashire-inclusion-service-send/>

What happens if I do not want to take part or if I change my mind?

It is up to you to decide whether or not to take part. The research participation is wholly voluntary. If you do decide to take part, you will be provided with a copy of this information sheet to keep. Even where consent has been provided, you will be free to withdraw from the study at any point. However, once the focus group begins, if you choose to leave, your data will still be transcribed, anonymised and potentially quoted in a research report, in order to ensure that the essence of the focus group is maintained.

Will the outcomes of the research be published?

Lancashire Educational Psychology team may seek to publish this research. Where this research or evidence from this research is put forward for publication, Lancashire Educational Psychology team will inform all participants.

What happens next?

If you are a parent/carer of a young person aged 14-16 (Key Stage 4) who attends a special school and you would be interested in participating, please email us at PfAresearch@lancashire.gov.uk and a member of Lancashire Educational Psychology team will be in touch. Please let us know if you are interested by Monday 17th May 2021.

Please note, an expression of interest does not guarantee your participation.

Consent

Please note that your attendance at the focus group session indicates that you consent to the following:

Consent Form:

- I consent to share my views for this research.
- I understand that Lancashire Educational Psychology team may seek to publish this research.
- I consent that the views I share may be used anonymously to develop training/resources for setting staff and others in Lancashire.
- I consent to the recording of the focus group session for data gathering and analysis purposes.
- I understand that my participation is voluntary and that I can withdraw at any time.

What if I have more questions?

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to ask. You can ask by sending an email to the following address:

Email: PfAresearch@lancashire.gov.uk

Thank you for considering your participation in this research!

Appendix

The questions we will ask are:

- What is working well in the current setting to meet your child's needs and support their aspirations?
- What post-16 provision needs to be in place to meet your child's needs and support their aspirations?