



Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to let you know about some research that you may be interested in taking part in.

The study is being run by the UCL Ear Institute to understand what parents think about young deaf children having access to a radio aid. The study is called:

Parent opinions of radio aid use for babies and toddlers

We want to know what parents think about young deaf children having access to a radio aid. We know that radio aids can help deaf children to hear and communicate better when there is background noise or when they are further away from the speaker. Radio aids are often provided for children at school and pre-school but are not usually available for babies and toddlers. There is limited evidence and no guidelines about using radio aid technology with babies and young children under 18 months of age and so services are different for families across the country. We want to understand what parents know about radio aid technology, how they think it might be useful, and what challenges they think radio aids might bring. We will use this information to let professionals know about the needs of families with young deaf children.

If your child is age 0-4 years old and uses hearing aids or cochlear implants then we would love to hear from you. You will be asked to fill in some information about yourself and your child in two separate questionnaires. If you agree to participate and you are suitable for the study we will arrange an online interview with you that will take about 30 minutes. We will give participants a £20 voucher as a gesture of thanks.

If you are interested in finding out more about this study, please use the link below or scan the QR code:

<https://blogs.ucl.ac.uk/ear-institute-audiology/parent-opinions-of-radio-aid-use-for-babies-and-toddlers/>



This study is part of an MSc project. If you have any questions about whether or not you would like to participate please do not hesitate to contact the principle researcher, Hannah Cooper Hannah.cooper@ucl.ac.uk. This study has been approved by the UCL Research Ethics Committee: approval ID number 12585/12.

With best wishes,
Hannah Cooper and Anu Kanathil