



Parent and carer involvement

Please let us know by emailing us at engage@ndcs.org.uk if you would like this provided in BSL (British Sign Language) or in another language.

Dear parents and carers,

We at the National Deaf Children's Society are running a research project to better understand the experiences of South Asian families with children who are deaf or have a hearing loss. We want to learn about any challenges you may face when accessing our support or other services.

When we talk about deafness, we include **all** types and levels of deafness or hearing loss.

As a parent or carer, your experiences are incredibly important. What you share will help us make our services more accessible, welcoming, and useful for all families, and encourage other organisations to do the same.

We'd like to invite you to a relaxed, informal interview where you can talk about your experiences. There are no right or wrong answers, we simply want to hear your thoughts in a comfortable setting. All information you share will be kept confidential.

We would love to hear from you if you:

- Are a parent or a carer
- Have at least one child who is deaf or has a hearing loss with any level or type of hearing loss aged 0-11 years
- Live in one of these local authority areas:
 - Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council
 - Leeds City Council
 - Liverpool City Council
 - Pendle Borough Council
 - The City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council
- Have a South Asian background – Bangladeshi, Indian, Pakistani or another South Asian background including a mixed/multiple background.

- Are available for an hour (plus travel time to a location near you if in-person) between the following dates for a confidential in-person or online interview: **Wednesday 27th May and Thursday 12th June** (excluding weekends).
- Communicate in any spoken or signed language. We are happy to arrange language interpretation and communication support and meet any other accessibility needs before, during and after the interview.

Additional support that we can offer parents and carers on the day

If you has any further questions after the interview or require specific support for your child/children, one of our Advice and Guidance Officers (AGO) will be available to speak with you. AGOs provide tailored and accessible one-to-one support, both in-person and virtually, on a range of topics including education, communication, social care, discrimination, independence and welfare benefits.

Thank you and Gift Voucher for taking part

To say thank you for your involvement we will offer you a **£50 Amazon or Supermarket gift voucher** for in-person interviews and a £25 Amazon or Supermarket gift voucher for taking part in an online interview.

If helpful, we can also cover your travel costs for in-person interviews.

How to get involved

If you are interested, please [click here to express your interest](#) which should take less than 5 minutes to fill and we'll get back to you.

Or scan this QR code with your phone:



How else can we help?

You can also contact our [Helpline](#) for free independent information, advice and guidance on a range of topics relating to childhood deafness.