



Does medical equipment affect your life at home?

Would you be interested in taking part in a study?

What is the study about?

The study is about how medical equipment affects life at home for children, young people and young adults with complex healthcare needs and their family.

What sort of medical equipment?

The study focuses on medical equipment needed by children with complex health care needs (for example: tracheostomy/gastrostomy/jejunostomy, suctioning, IV medication, enteral feeding, mobility aids, oxygen, colostomy, catheterisation, peritoneal dialysis, monitors etc.)

Who can take part in this study?

You can take part and share your views and experiences of living with medical equipment at home with me if you can speak and understand English sufficiently fluently (using communication aids if you need them) to be able to tell me what life with medical equipment at home is like AND you are:

- **Aged 5-25 years** and have used at least **two pieces of medical equipment** to keep you healthy, for at least **three months**, at **home** in the **North West of England** (Lancashire, Merseyside, Cheshire and Greater Manchester counties).
- **A parent, relative or carer** of a child, young person or young adult who meets the above criteria. If you do not live with or care for the child, young person or young adult in their own home, you must have provided some care for them in your home for at least three months.

What will I be asked to do if I take part in this study?

If you decide to take part in the study I will ask you either to:

1. **Take some photographs about your life at home with medical equipment AND take part in an interview about your views and experiences of life at home with medical equipment.**



OR

2. **Just take part in an interview about your views and experiences of life at home with medical equipment.**



What should I do if I am interested?

If you want to find out more about the study, you can contact me on the details given below and I will explain about the study in more detail:

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