



This is Us D.E.A.F

Deaf Ethnic Access Facilitate



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DEWA'S MISSION STATEMENT

The Deaf Ethnic Women's Association is a national organisation run and controlled by Deaf women from Minority Ethnic groups. DEWA provides a range of support and empowers Minority Ethnic Deaf women to have choice and control, be active and be successful in all aspects of their lives without compromising their identity.

We would like to invite you to take part in an important project.

This leaflet explains the aims of This Is Us D.E.A.F and what taking part will involve. Please read the information carefully and feel free to ask DEWA if anything is unclear or if you would like more information.

What is the purpose of the study?

This Is Us D.E.A.F will investigate the impact of deafness on ethnic minority families, the quality of support they receive and how it affects deaf children as they grow.

Why am I receiving this information?

We understand that you are a parent from an ethnic minority background and you have a deaf child.

What's next?

Contact DEWA and the team will send you the link to an online questionnaire about your child's diagnosis of deafness, their education, interests and communication. There is a British Sign Language version of the questionnaire. If you require the questionnaire in a different language, please let us know. All the information you provide will be anonymous.

What are the benefits of being involved?

By taking part, you help uncover any inequalities in services for deaf children, and as a thank you for completing the questionnaire, you will receive a £5 gift voucher. The questionnaire will take approximately one hour to complete.

What happens when the research is complete?

The findings will be published by the NDCS and summaries will be sent to participants. All information will be anonymous. Translated versions will be available on request. The research findings will also be published in academic journals.

How will the security of data be managed?

General Data Protection Regulation - GDPR - will be followed. All data will be stored securely in password-protected files. Participant details will be separated from questionnaire data. All data will be kept for a maximum 10 years, and then be destroyed.



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Can I change my mind after agreeing to take part?

You can change your mind at any time - before, during or after completing the questionnaire, and at your request your information will be destroyed and unused. The project is under the direction of the Deaf Ethnic Women's Association - DEWA, funded by the National Deaf Children's Society, and supported by researchers from the Deafness, Cognition and Language Research Centre (DCAL), at University College London.

Are spoken/written language interpreters and translators available? Is BSL-English interpreting available?

We will attempt to arrange translators if you request them in advance.

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