

Participant Information Leaflet

Ages 8-12



What is a research study?

Research studies help us learn new things.

You are being asked to take part in my research because you have a sibling (meaning a brother or sister) with a disability.



What are you researching?

I am doing this research study to find out more about what you think and how you feel about having a sibling with a disability and what you think about how your family gets on.



What would happen if I join this research?

If you decide to be in the research study, you will fill out two questionnaires online. Each questionnaire is a list of statements and you are asked to tick how much you agree or disagree with each statement.

Each questionnaire will take about 10 minutes to fill out.

Important things to know...

- You get to decide if you want to take part.
- You can say 'No' or you can say 'Yes'.
- No one will be upset if you say 'No'.
- You will not be asked to give your name – this means that your answers are *anonymous*.
- If you decide when you are doing to survey that you want to stop, that is fine. You can just stop clicking the answers and close it.

- You can talk about the questionnaires afterwards to your mum or dad if you want to.
- I am asking your mum or dad to fill out a questionnaire for me too.



Could the research help me?

This research will not help you. I will not be talking to you or your parents about what boxes you ticked or what boxes they ticked. I will just be putting all the scores together from all the children and parents who filled out questionnaires.

I hope to learn from this research what siblings in Ireland think and feel about their brother or sister with a disability and about their family. I also want to see if the questionnaires are useful and if it would be a good idea to give them to siblings I meet in the clinic.



What else should I know about this research?

You can ask questions any time. Please ask your parents and if they don't have the answers, they can ask me. If you have any worries when you have finished doing the survey, please talk about them with your mum or dad.



Is there anything else?

If you want to be in the research, you will be asked to click some boxes first to let me know that

- 🚦 you have read this leaflet
- 🚦 you have spoken to your parent about it
- 🚦 you understand what you have to do and
- 🚦 you want to take part 😊

Thank you very much for reading my leaflet!

