

Study: Supporting the social and emotional development of mild and moderately deaf children



We are developing an exciting new project for the parents of mild to moderately deaf children, to help support their child's social and emotional development.

We know that deaf and hard-of-hearing children can sometimes struggle to talk and think about their own and other people's thoughts and feelings. In this project we would like to teach parents to read specially designed picture books in a way that supports their child's development in this area.

This method, called booksharing, has been studied in children who have normal hearing and has been shown to benefit their social understanding. However, no research has been done to see if this may also benefit deaf and hard-of-hearing children.

I would like your help to scope the interest in developing such a project and to help shape the project to meet the needs of deaf and hard of hearing children and their families.

At this stage of the project I am looking for parents of 2-4 year old children with mild to moderate deafness who use spoken language as the method of communication with their child who are happy to think about shaping this project.

If you are willing to help, or would like to find out more, please contact me via:

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My background: I currently work as a Consultant in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry in Oxford Health NHS Trust and I have an interest in parenting and early child development.