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**If you have a complaint about the project**

If you have a concern about any aspect of this project, you can speak to Sarah or Helen who will do their best to answer your questions. If you remain unhappy and wish to complain formally, you can do this through the NHS Complaints Procedure. Details can be obtained from Northumbria Healthcare NHS Trust (0191 203 1340).

**If you want more information please contact Sarah Atkinson or Helen Stringer**

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Applying the Behaviour Change Technique Taxonomy to Parent-Led Language Interventions (ABC-PALS project) IRAS Ref: 236742 Phase Information Sheet – Parent v1 4th June 2019

**ABC-PALS Project**

**Information for Parents**

**Applying the Behaviour Change Technique Taxonomy to Parent-Led Language Interventions**

A Research Project by

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**Dear Parent,**

Your child’s Speech and Language Therapist has consented to take part in Phase 1 of the ABC-PALS research project. We would like to observe your child’s Speech and Language Therapist during your session with them. Before you make up your mind about whether you want your session to be observed, it is important that you understand what the research is about and what it will involve. Please read the following information carefully. Please ask if there is anything that is not clear or if you would like more information.

**What is the ABC-PALS project about?**

Lots of young children need extra support to learn to talk and understand what is said to them. Speech and language therapists work closely with parents to help them talk and play with their children in the best way to support language development. This is called Parent-Child Interaction (PCI) therapy. PCI therapy is known to be successful but we don’t know what exactly Speech and Language Therapists do to deliver it. In Phase 1 of ABC-PALS, we want to observe what Speech and Language Therapists do when they work with parents of preschool children to deliver PCI therapy.

**Why have you been invited?**

You and your child are seeing one of the therapists who have agreed to take part in this Phase of ABC-PALS. Three therapists and three parents and their children will take part.

**Do you have to take part?**

Itis up to you to decide whether or not you and your child take part. If you do decide to take part, you will be given this information sheet to keep and be asked to sign a consent form. If you decide to take part you are still free to withdraw at any time and without giving a reason. A decision to withdraw at any time, or a decision not to take part, will not affect your access to any NHS services.

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**What about confidentiality?**

None of your information will be noted down, except your consent form, agreeing to be part of the study. One copy of this form will be given to you, and the other will be kept in a locked filing cabinet in a secure room at Newcastle University. It will be destroyed within three years of the end of the study (2025).

**Additional information**

This project has been given approval by Newcastle University Research Ethics Committee, the NHS Health Research Authority, the [name] Research Ethics Committee on [date] and the Research and Development Department of Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust.

**What will happen?**

Sarah Atkinson, a Speech and Language Therapist and lead researcher of the ABC-PALS project, will observe your child’s Speech and Language Therapist during your appointment. Sarah will be noting down what the Therapist does and says, and she will discuss this with them after the appointment. She will not be making any notes regarding you or your child, she will focus on the Therapist.

**What are the benefits to you?**

As a ‘thank you’ for taking part in the project, you will receive a gift of £10 voucher for Amazon.

**What will happen to the results of the research project?**

Sarah will write up the whole project as her PhD thesis. ABC-PALS will also be published in speech and language therapy journals. If you would like, we will send you a copy of the ABC-PALS report.

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