



Investigating the clinical decision-making process and implementation of Makaton by speech-language therapists in New Zealand

Participant Information Sheet

Kia ora, my name is Chloe Hamilton-Walter, I am completing my fourth year of the Speech and Language Therapy programme at Massey University. I would like to invite you to participate in my Honours research project focused on exploring the clinical-decision making process and implementation of Makaton by speech-language therapists (SLTs) in New Zealand.

I aim to investigate the decision-making process of SLTs in New Zealand by determining the factors that influence their decision to choose Makaton as an intervention method. The implementation approaches and perspectives on barriers and facilitators will also be explored. This survey will contribute to current literature concerning how and why SLTs use Makaton, as well as exploring the strengths and challenges of using Makaton in the New Zealand context.

This research is being overseen by Dr Sally Clendon, a Senior Lecturer in the Speech and Language Therapy programme at Massey University.

Participant Identification and Recruitment

I am recruiting SLTs with experience using Makaton in New Zealand.

I have approached the New Zealand Speech and Language Therapists' Association (NZSTA), the TalkLink Trust and Makaton New Zealand to request their assistance in distributing information about this project.

Project Procedure

The survey will be an online questionnaire.

Participants will be asked to disclose and describe any affiliations with The Makaton Charity.

Data Management

There are no identified risks to being part of the project. The results will be presented in my Honours research report and may be published in journal articles or presented at conferences.

The report will not contain any real names or identifying information. The only people who will have access to the information will be myself and my supervisor. Information will be stored on password protected computers or in a locked filing cabinet in Dr. Clendon's office. Information will be kept for 5 years after the completion of the final publication. When disposed of, the University confidential waste service will be used.

Participant's Rights

You are under no obligation to accept this invitation. If you decide to participate, you have the right to:

- Ask any questions you may have about the project at any point during your participation;
- Decline to answer any particular survey question;
- Be given access to a summary of the project findings when it is concluded – email your request to Sally Clendon at s.clendon@massey.ac.nz.

Please note that by choosing to complete the survey, it will be assumed that you consent to your responses being used in the research project.

If you are interested in being involved in this project, you can complete the anonymous online survey by following this link:

https://massey.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9oiNIMZemew9wgK

Project Contacts

Thank you for taking time to consider my request. Please contact the researcher and/or supervisor if you have any questions about this project.

- Chloe Hamilton-Walter: Chloe.Hamilton-Walter.2@uni.massey.ac.nz
- Dr. Sally Clendon: S.Clendon@massey.ac.nz

Low Risk Notification

This project has been evaluated by peer review and judged to be low risk.

Consequently, it has not been reviewed by one of the University's Human Ethics Committees. The researcher(s) named above are responsible for the ethical conduct of this research. If you have any concerns about the conduct of this research that you wish to raise with someone other than the researcher(s), please contact Prof Craig Johnson, Director, Research Ethics, telephone 06 356 9099 x 85271, email humanethics@massey.ac.nz.