



Participant Information Sheet (6 – 10 years)

Study of Outcome of Childhood Stroke (SOCS)

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We are asking you and your parents to take part in a research project. This leaflet tells you about the project. You can talk about it with your family, friends, doctor or nurse if you want to. Please ask us if you would like to know more.

What is research? Why are we doing this research?

Research is the way we try to find answers to questions. We want to find out how many children get something called a stroke. We also want to know what happens to children after they have a stroke.

Why have I been asked to take part?

We have asked you to take part because you have had a stroke. We want to ask lots of children who have had a stroke to take part.

Do I have to take part?

No, you and your parents can decide if you want to take part. No one will be upset if you don't want to take part. You can change your mind at any time.

What will happen if I take part?

We would go to your hospital to find out things about when you had your stroke. In about one year we will visit you at home. We will ask you some questions and ask you to do some tests. Some of the tests are like school tests and some are like games. When you are doing some of the tests we will film you. We would ask your parents or carers some questions. It would take a few hours to do. We would leave some questions on paper for you to fill in. You parents or carers can help you with those.

Is there anything about the research that may upset me?

We will make the tests as fun and as quick as possible but some people may think they are boring.



Will taking part help me?

No, taking part will not help you but we might find out things that could help other children with strokes in the future. We can also give you your test results if you would like.

Who will know I am taking part in the study?

We would keep your name and address secret. Results from your tests and the film of you will be kept secret. Your name will not be put on your results or on your film. Only people who need to know will be told.

What if I don't want to do the research any more?

You or your parents can decide at any time that you don't want to do the research.

Who has checked the study?

Before any research goes ahead it needs to be checked that it is fair. This study has been checked by the National Research Ethics Service.

If you want to find out more you can ask to speak to Andrew Mallick:

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