

# The PANDA Study

Researchers at the University of Manchester would like to invite families to take part in a study about dental services for children. Before families decide to take part, it is important to understand what the study is about and what will happen. Please read this summary carefully for an overview of the study and contact us if you have any queries.

## Why the research is being done?

This study is to improve our understanding of how best to provide dental care for children. We are working with dentists and researchers from all over the United Kingdom to help us gather information. The results of the study will help us understand what works best, why it works and for whom. We are calling this study the PANDA study.



## Who can take part?

Children who are between 4 and 16 years old, who have been referred for dental treatment to either the Community Dental Service or a Child Friendly Dental Practice. We are asking 800 children to take part in this study.

## What will happen to my data?

The information we collect about your child will be labelled with your study number. Their name will be kept separately and safely. Only the researcher working on this study will know who is taking part and after 5 years we will delete all the information.

## What will happen if I take part

With your permission we will link the data collected about your child's teeth from when they attend dental appointments or need dental treatment over the next 2 years.

The parent/guardian will be asked some questions, by text message, about the experience of seeing the dentist.

## If you have any other questions please contact

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## Do I have to take part?

No. You do not have to take part if you do not want to. While the study might not have any impact on your treatment now, this study could help other children in the future. You can change your mind about taking part at any time without saying why. If you withdraw from the study it will not affect any treatment you might need in the future.

## Who is Organising and Approving the Research?

The research is being sponsored by the University of Manchester. The research has also been approved by the East Midlands – Nottingham 2, REC reference 23/EM/0093, a group of people who work to protect your safety, rights, wellbeing and dignity.

## What happens now?

If you are interested in learning more, please speak with your dentist. You can read through the full participant information sheet and sign the consent form, if you are happy to take part. This will allow the researchers to see information about your child's dental treatment to use within the study. We will look at your information along with information from 800 other children.