

The health information needs of children and young people with cerebral palsy: an exploration of children and young people's perspectives

Study start date: 2007

Funding: Chailey Fund

Research team: Trudy Ward Practice Educator, Chailey Heritage Clinical Services/University of Brighton

Introduction

The aim of the research is to identify what children with cerebral palsy themselves want to know about their health and development.

The key objectives of the research are:

- To ascertain the health and development information needs of children and young people with cerebral palsy from the children themselves.
- To explore with the research participants the best ways to provide the information.
- To conduct the research within a rights based framework, which ethically addresses provision, protection and participation (Alderson 2004)

A qualitative rights based framework is being used to ascertain what young people want to know through focus group activities. Trudy is working with a young adult who has cerebral palsy, developing the methodology, collecting the data through facilitating focus groups, analysing the data and disseminating the findings.

It is envisaged that an information resource for young people will be developed following analysis of the findings.

This study is part of an MSc in child health and education/University of Brighton.

*Trudy Ward
Practice Educator
Chailey Heritage Clinical Services / University of Brighton
January 2007*