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# **Disabled people from ethnically diverse backgrounds in South West England: Experiences of trust building and health/disability diagnoses.**

## Project information sheet

Thank you for your interest in this research project. The project is led by Dr Stuart Read, who is a disabled researcher and activist within the School of Education, Bath Spa University.

### What is the research project about?

From September 2024 – Summer 2025, we will be completing research to understand the experiences of disabled people/ people with long-term health conditions from ethnically diverse backgrounds in South West England. Our research is looking at trust building with communities so that we can feel comfortable sharing experiences of accessing health/disability diagnoses.

### What would my involvement mean for me?

We will be creating a ‘working group’ of disabled people from ethnically diverse backgrounds, as well as allies, to help shape our forthcoming project. The working group will meet a few times to discuss how the project is going, and whether any improvements can be made. We will also talk about how to share the project and its findings in the best way.

The working group meetings will take place online or in person, depending on your access needs.

If you choose to, you will also be able to participate in the actual research once we start project data collection. This will likely be in early 2025.

### What will happen to the information I provide?

Following each working group, the project team will look for key findings, known as ‘themes’. Your individual experience will not be identifiable. All data we collect will be stored securely on a university password-protected computer drive.

### What are the benefits of taking part in this research?

Being part of the working group will help shape our forthcoming research project. We hope that this research will lead to meaningful change in the South West. You will also receive a £50 voucher or equivalent for your time for each working group meeting you attend.

### Are there any risks to taking part in this research?

Through participating in the working group, you may wish to discuss your experiences of being a disabled person from an ethnically diverse background. We understand that sharing your experiences might cause you discomfort. You might find it easier to focus on experiences of disabled people from ethnically diverse backgrounds generally, rather than your own personal experiences. We would ask you to only share what you feel comfortable in sharing.

### Can I change my mind about participating?

You will be able to stop your involvement at any time without penalty and without having to give a reason.

### Who do I contact if I have any questions about the research project?

If you have questions or concerns about any aspect of the research, please do not hesitate to contact the project team:

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