

Summary for participants

Hello everyone,

My name is Ammaarah Siddique and I am a PhD student at the University of Bolton. The study I am currently doing as part of my PhD is looking at the **social consequences of Brain Injury on the individual** – and how it has impacted life.

Through this research, I am hoping to bring together the perspectives of clinicians, brain injury survivors and the family or carer. By doing this, research may have a better understanding of how to best help clinicians when assessing social consequences that follow brain injury. This could lead to strategies and rehabilitation which can improve the social elements of life.

I would appreciate it immensely if you would consider participating in the study. It would be an interview of **approximately 40 minutes**-whereby I ask questions that are related to the social consequences faced post-injury.

It would also provide me, as an individual interested in the impacts of brain injury on life post-injury, to see real life stories and understand how important this research is as a whole!

I will list below a few of the types of questions that may be asked (a longer list will be provided – to those who are interested in participating):

- When did the injury happen?
- How did it happen?
- What has changed in your life?
- What has been impacted the most in your life?

- Are you struggling socially?
- Do you find yourself feeling lonely?
- Is there anything that could be done that would help you socially?

An **information sheet** will be provided, in addition to a **consent form** which makes those willing to participate aware of their **right to withdraw** and **confidentiality**, participants will remain **anonymous** throughout the interview and in the analysis process afterwards as well.

Additionally, if having a family member or carer present would make you feel more comfortable please feel free to bring them along to the interview as well. And if there are any carers or family members willing to participate, please notify me of that!

For anyone willing to participate in the study – my university email address is:

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Please send me a brief email about who you are and the type of brain injury you've had.

Thank you for your time and consideration! 😊