Hello.

We are Terry Brugha, Jane Smith and Freya Tyrer from the University of Leicester.

We would like to tell you about our study.

3 years ago we did a study on the health and well-being of adults in England.

We asked some questions to people living in their own houses.
We did not include people with learning difficulties because..

.. some of them found it too hard to answer the questions.

.. and some lived in care homes and could not have taken part.

So..

We are doing our study again for people with learning difficulties.
We have specially designed our new study for people with learning difficulties.

We are talking to people with learning difficulties and their carers…

.. who live in Leicester city, Leicestershire and Rutland.

We are also talking to people with learning difficulties and their carers who live in London…

.. and who live in Sheffield.
We are asking questions about the person’s health.

We are asking questions about the person’s health problems, like autism.

We are asking questions about what the person with learning difficulties can do.

We are doing some fun activities with the person.
We use toys and games.
The interview will take about 1 ½ hours.

We sometimes come back on a different day to give the person a break.

We will not tell anyone what we find out about individual people.

If they want us to, we will tell the person’s doctor that they are taking part in the study.

We will not tell them what we have found.
Sometimes we ask the person’s carer if they would like to take part in another interview.

This second interview will always be on another day.

We ask questions about the person with learning difficulties.

.. such as how they were when they were growing up...

.. and how they get on with other people..
We would like to thank the **Brightlights** group in Leicester city.

They helped us to design the easy read leaflet and consent form for this study.

..and they helped us to write this document.

We have also talked about our study with the Carer Action Group in Leicestershire.
If you would like any more information about this study, we will be only too happy to hear from you.

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Thank you for letting us tell you about our study.