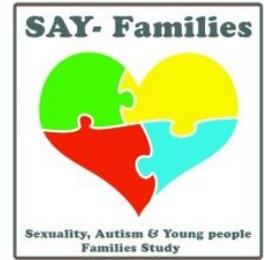


Sexuality, Autism, and Young People- Families study (SAY-Families)



About the study

The SAY-Families team are researchers at Bangor University, the University of Warwick and the University of Glasgow. We are carrying out the SAY-Families study to find out parents' views and experiences around their child's sexual development and understanding. The developing sexuality of young people with autism has not been given a great deal of research attention, yet it is a part of growing up for all young people. It is hoped that the insight gained from this study will help us design materials to better support young people and their families in this sensitive area.

What will taking part involve?

You are invited to take part in an interview and/or fill in an online survey.

The interview can take place in your home or somewhere else that is convenient for you. We can also arrange to speak over the phone, if that suits you better. During the interview, you will be asked about your views on sex education, the kind of information your children have received about sexual health, your views and feelings, as a parent, about sex and relationships, and about any support you may have received in relation to your child's developing sexuality. The interview will last roughly 45 minutes.

We have also developed an online survey. You can find out more about the survey and access it using this link: https://bangor.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/say_fam_eng

Who can take part?

You are invited to take part in an interview if you are the parent of a young person aged between 16 and 30 years old with autism or Aspergers syndrome and you also have another child who is of a similar age.

If you are the parent of a young person with autism or Aspergers syndrome aged between 16 and 30 years (whether or not you also have another child), you are invited to take part in the online survey.

If you would like to take part or would just like find out more, please do not hesitate to contact **Karen** by phone: **07710762141** or by email: **k.a.deakin@bangor.ac.uk**

Many thanks for taking the time to read about the SAY-Families study

