



Participant Invitation

Study Title: Stress and coping amongst fathers of children with autism: A thematic analysis

Are you a father of a child (or children) with autism? If so, you are invited to take part in a research study that I am conducting as part of my MSc studies in psychology at the University of Derby. The study explores experiences of stress and coping amongst fathers of children with autism. Participants will be required to take part in a telephone interview with the researcher.

Whilst there has been much research into stress and coping amongst parents of children with autism, much of this research has focused largely or solely on mothers. This is reflective of a wider issue of underrepresentation of fathers in research. This study aims to address this by shining a light on the unique experiences of fathers of children with autism.

In order to take part in the study, you must

- be a father of at least one child (aged 0-25) who has been diagnosed with autism and lives with you,
- be at least 18 years old,
- live in the UK,
- be able to speak and understand English,
- have access to a telephone, and
- be available for a telephone interview lasting approximately one hour.

You are not able to take part in the study if you have been diagnosed with any mental health condition that may impact upon your stress and coping.

If you have any questions or are interested in taking part in the study please contact me using the email address below.

Best wishes,

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