



INTERACT

NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME



to the October 2025 release of the
INTERACT newsletter!

This newsletter aims to keep you up to date with the latest developments of the study and key information you may need.

The study is looking at an intervention to support communication skills in children and young people with Profound and Multiple Learning Disabilities (PMLD).



We are very grateful to all Educational Settings taking part in the 2024-2025 phase of the INTERACT study, your contribution to this important area of research is hugely appreciated. We appreciate the questionnaires and videos that you were able to return.

"We appreciate all the time and energy you, your team and the children and young people have put in to providing us with the INTERACT videos. It is a real privilege for the team at Kent to view the wonderful relationships and interactions between staff and children. Thank you for your ongoing commitment and involvement in the INTERACT study."

- Professor Jill Bradshaw & Joanne Sweeney
(University of Kent)

We are pleased to share that we have recruited further educational settings for the 2025-2026 phase of the study.

NEXT STEPS FOR SETTINGS

We will be contacting you again in November 2025 about completing the final questionnaires and videos for the study. We are so grateful for your ongoing support.

We will contact parents/carers separately about their final questionnaire.

START

32 Wks

52 Wks



Your setting will receive £350 after completing the final follow-up (Nov-Dec 2025)!



Educational Settings that have not yet received Intensive Interaction training will be offered this after completing the final follow up.

YOU SAID, WE DID



We really appreciate interventionists who took part in an interview about their experience of taking part in the study. This information was extremely helpful to us and will be used to improve study processes and intervention training resources for those taking part in the next phases of INTERACT.

QUERIES AND QUESTIONS

If you have any questions or concerns related to the INTERACT study, please see our website (www.interacttrial.com/contact-us) for further information or contact us using the details below.

If you have a concern about a participating child or young person or they experience an incident, event, negative change (e.g. to their communication or behaviour) or out of character distress that may be related to taking part in the INTERACT trial, please report this to the INTERACT team at the University of York (details below) as soon as possible. Please use the child's participant ID (available from the lead contact within your school) rather than their name when reporting via email.

