

CELLOS Study: Delphi Survey Information Sheet for Children Aged 8-11 Years Old

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Why have I been invited?

We are asking you to join in because you are between 8 and 25 years old. Also, you have had surgery to your leg, or you will have surgery to your leg soon.

We will ask about 150 people to help us by filling in a survey. After the survey, some people will join together online in a workshop to talk about the survey results. We will ask about 25 people to take part in these online workshops.

Do I have to join in?

No. You don't have to if you don't want to! You can ask questions before choosing if you want to join in. You can change your mind at any time by telling your parent or guardian. You don't have to say why. If you choose to stop, no one will be upset with you.

What will happen if I join in?

We will ask you to fill in a form to tell us that you want to take part. Your parent or guardian can fill this in for you if you want.

We would like you to vote on what you think we should measure after kids have surgery to their legs. We can measure things like pain, how far you can walk, or how happy you feel. But not all of these might be important for you. If you can think of anything else we should measure, you can tell us. It will take you about 15 minutes to finish voting.

People will not agree if some of the things we can measure are important or not. We will make another survey with the things people disagree on, and anything you told us we should also measure. We will ask you to vote again on this new survey. This will happen up to three times.

After everybody has finished voting, we will join some people together in an online workshop. We will ask about 25 people to join. This will include doctors, physiotherapists, researchers, parents and kids. You can choose if want to take part in this also. Just let your parent or guardian know. They can tell us you want to take part.

You'll get a form to ask what how you found each workshop. You can also come to a chat before and after. At these you can meet other people who will be at the online workshop. These chats won't be on video.

Will joining in help me?

Joining in will not help you, but it might help kids in the future.

Will I get anything for taking part?

If you take part an online talk, you and your parent or carer will be offered a £75 gift voucher. This is a thank you for taking part.

Will anyone else know I am doing this?

The people in our research team and your parent or guardian will know you are joining in. Nobody else will know you are joining in – unless you tell them yourself!

What if there is a problem or something goes wrong?

If you are not happy because of something that happened in the study, please talk to your parent or guardian. They will let the researcher know.

What happens to my information?

What you tell us will be kept in a safe place. Only the people doing the research, or helping with the research, can look at it.

We will use it to decide what researchers should measure after kids have surgery to their legs. We will tell other researchers. This will make sure everybody measures the same things. We will tell researchers in lots of ways. This will include writing articles and making a video. We would like to use quotes from you in the results we share. The quote will be published under a pseudonym (fake name). Every effort will be made to maintain your confidentiality.

We will also make a short poster to tell you what we found out. We will share this on our Twitter (X) page called @CELLOSstudy. Ask you parent or guardian if you want to see it.

Is this study ok to do?

Before any research with people happens, it has to be checked by a group known as a Research Ethics Committee. This check makes sure that it is fair. This study has been checked by Harrow Research Ethics Committee (reference 24/PR/0719).