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New Study Looking at Non-Compliance in Children

Researchers at the School of Psychology, Queen's University Belfast are looking for parents and caregivers of 5-11 year olds who show non-compliance behaviour. Non-compliance behaviour is when a child:

- Ignores your requests...
- Tries to talk their way out of doing things
- Directly defies you
- Says "no" a lot

Almost all children show some of these behaviours, but some children with intellectual disabilities or developmental disorders seem to especially struggle with these sorts of behaviours. Surprisingly little research has been carried out on why some children particularly struggle with non-compliance. We aim to find out more about the factors that can influence the non-compliant behaviour children show so that we can start to develop bespoke helping strategies specifically designed for these behaviours.

We would like to hear from you if you are a caregiver of a child aged 5-11 years old who frequently shows the behaviour described above across different settings so that you feel the behaviour may be having a negative impact on the child and/or on the family.

In this initial study, we would like caregivers to take part in an interview over the phone to talk about the behaviour. Everyone who takes part will receive a feedback report about what we have found when this initial study is finished. We will also keep families who are interested in taking part in other projects updated with information about our ongoing progress in this project and future participation opportunities.

[Download an information sheet about the study here](#)

If you are interested in hearing more about the study and would like more information, please contact:

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