

## The experiences of people with aphasia receiving speech language therapy in Aotearoa New Zealand.

### Research details:

My name is **Robyn**. I have been a speech language therapist for sixteen (16) years. I would like to hear the stories of people with **aphasia** and their experiences with **speech language therapy**



- Was is a good or bad experience?
- Do people with aphasia get the help they want / need?
- What could speech language therapists do differently?

### What is involved?

- An **interview** with Robyn asking questions about your **stroke**, your **aphasia**, and your **experience** with speech language therapy.
- The interview would be about **one (1) hour** long
- You can have someone with you during the interview
- You can use anything which helps your communication (writing, drawing, pictures, communication book)
- You will receive a \$25 supermarket voucher to thank you for taking part.
- **Cultural support** and an **interpreter** can be arranged if you would like this.



## Where will the interview be?

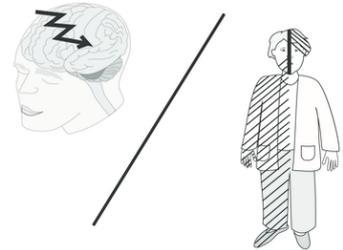
- The interview can be done two ways:
  - ⇒ **In-person**, at your home, or somewhere quiet and private such as a whanau member's home
  - ⇒ Using a computer to talk by **videocall**



This depends on the government alert level because of COVID-19 and which way you prefer.

## Who can take part?

- If you have **aphasia** after a stroke
- If you live in **Aotearoa New Zealand**
- If you had your stroke between **2015—2019**



## Who cannot take part?

- If you have no aphasia
- If you had your stroke **more** than five (5) years ago
- If you have had your stroke more recently than 1st March 2020

## How might this research affect me?

- You can **choose** if you want to be in this study. You do not have to.
- Taking part will **not affect** whether you receive speech language therapy from your local service.
- You can change your mind about taking part at any time.
- The study will be presented at conferences and published in journals. If we talk about something you told us, you can choose if we use your true name, or choose another name so you can't be identified.

## Contact Details

This research is part of Robyn's PhD research at the University of Auckland.

If you have any questions or would like to take part, you can contact **Robyn**

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Contact details for Māori cultural support or to lodge a complaint:

If you require Māori cultural support, talk to your whanau in the first instance.

Alternatively you may contact the administrator for He Kamaka Waiora (Māori Health Team) by telephoning 09 486 8324 ext 2324.

If you have any questions or complaints about the study, you may contact the Auckland and Waitemata District Health Boards Māori Research Committee or Māori Research Advisor by phoning 09 486 8920 ext 3204.

AHREC chair contact details: For concerns of an ethical nature, you can contact the Chair of the Auckland Health Research Ethics Committee at [ahrec@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:ahrec@auckland.ac.nz) or at 373 7599 et 83711, or at Auckland Health Research Ethics Committee, The University of Auckland, Private Bag 92019, Auckland 1142.

Approved by the Auckland Health Research Ethics Committee on 16/09/2020 for three years.

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