

## For families of older and elderly autistic individuals

Study: WHAT SUPPORT DO OLDER AND ELDERLY AUTISTIC PEOPLE RECEIVE? FAMILIES' VIEWS AND EXPERIENCES OF THE SUPPORT THEIR FAMILY MEMBER RECEIVES

I'm a post-graduate research student studying for my Research Masters degree at the University of Birmingham but I'm also a parent of two autistic adults. My research seeks to explore the support older and elderly autistic adults receive and who advocates for them when their parents are no longer around to do so. I am interested in hearing from families of older and elderly autistic adults aged 50 years or over, with or without a learning disability. Participation in this study will require you to complete a short questionnaire prior to an interview.

The aim of the research is to find out where older and elderly autistic adults are living; what support they receive; who advocates for them; and how safe are they. This research will highlight important wellbeing factors and areas of support needing improvement, and address the key question that parents are desperate to know the answer to, "What will happen to my child when I am no longer here?"

If you would like to participate in this research study please contact me by email gxh097@student.bham.ac.uk or by telephone on 07928 335248

Thank you Jen