

## Study Invite

## How common are communication problems in progressive motor conditions and what impact do they have on people's lives?

You are invited to participate in a survey about communication problems in progressive motor conditions such as Multiple Sclerosis (MS). They study is conducted by Prof Anja Lowit, Giulia Gasparotto, and Dr Anja Kuschmann, all speech and language therapists based at the University of Strathclyde in Glasgow UK.

It is well understood that people with progressive motor conditions will experience challenges with their communication at some point. This survey aims to find out what these are and what impact they have on daily life. This will add to our knowledge of which challenges impact most on people, and therefore, what researchers need to focus on in future studies into how best to treat communication problems.

We are looking for people with MS to complete a survey to find out what kind of difficulties they experience with their communication and what impact these have on their lives.

If you feel that your communication has changed as a consequence of your diagnosis we would be grateful if you dedicate 15-20 minutes of your time to answer some questions. You can ask someone else to help you score your answers, but they should reflect your own views, not the other person's. The survey will remain open until 30 June 2023. We will discuss with the MS Society how best to inform their members of the results and also publish them in an academic journal.

The survey is available online here <a href="https://hass.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\_cZ0vmRZA019JTdY">https://hass.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\_cZ0vmRZA019JTdY</a>,

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