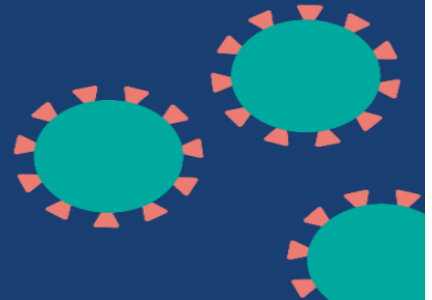


Cleft Collective Speech and Language Study Monthly Update!

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COVID-19 Restart

There has been a minor amendment to facilitate restarting



The Cleft Collective team hope this update finds you and your teams safe and well. We would like to start by thanking you for all your efforts prior to the study suspension, and your continuing support in re-starting this project.

It is true to say that the changes in our service pathways have led to different ways of working. Some of these have been obvious and easy to embrace, others less so. **If you have changed how you are working, then we would love to hear from you!** **What is hampering or facilitating engagement with parents and undertaking recruitment?**

We have made a minor amendment (Number 16) to the study paperwork. Adding information to the letter sent to parents (Appendix I version 2) when receiving the LENA speech recording device. This information provides the parents with details about the process the materials have undergone prior to be sent to them in light of COVID-19.

What we have told the parents:

The infection risk from coronavirus (COVID-19) from touching a contaminated environment, surface or object decreases over time. Research on other similar viruses shows that in most circumstances, the risk is reduced significantly after 72 hours/3 days.

At least 3 days prior to sending you the LENA device and accompanying materials; the paperwork was printed and placed in the envelope, with a clean laundered vest top. The LENA device was cleaned using Clinell Universal Wipes. These wipes have been clinically shown to be effective against COVID-19. The package was then left in a secure area for at least 3 days before posting.