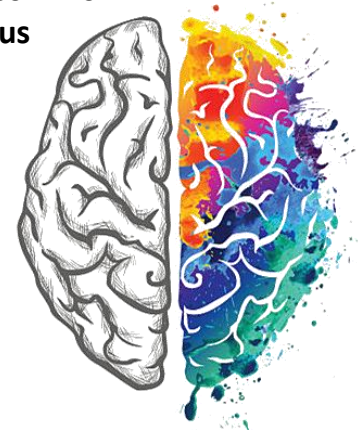


VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Recent research shows that autistic people are over-represented in people with Functional Neurological Disorder (FND). We are developing a study that will explore factors that might help explain why FND appears to be more common among autistic people. **We are recruiting volunteers to help us design and improve the study.**



Who can take part?

You could take part if you are **aged 18 or over** and:

- **are autistic;**
- **have FND; or**
- **are autistic and have FND**

What would you be doing?

- Advising on the importance of the study and anything you would change
- Reviewing study materials (e.g., participant information sheets and questionnaires) and advising on whether these appear accessible and appropriate
- Sharing your ideas of where to advertise the study to maximise recruitment
- Sharing your perspective on our findings and what they might mean

You **do not need to have any research experience** and can choose how much you contribute. You can also **choose how you give feedback**, either in online meetings, phone calls, or in writing (via email). We will ask for up to **3-4 hours of your time**, over a **period of 15 months**.

Why take part?

Your involvement could help to improve the accessibility of our study for potential participants and contribute to improving our understanding of why autistic people may be more vulnerable to developing FND, which we hope will ultimately help to improve support.

We can also offer **financial compensation** at a rate of **£15 per hour** for your time.

If you are interested or would like more information, **please contact Megan Bennett** at megan.bennett@hmc.ox.ac.uk. Thank you!