Research into communication skills in individuals with genetic changes

Would you be willing to take part in our project?

We are running a project looking at communication in individuals with gene changes (variants) in SETBP1, FOXP1, FOXP2, KAT6A and CDK13. We hope that by improving our understanding of the communication abilities of individuals with gene changes, we can develop a better understanding of the causes and prognosis of communication difficulties in the condition and we can develop more effective therapies.

We are looking for individuals:

• confirmed to have a gene change (variant) in SETBP1, FOXP1, FOXP2, KAT6A or CDK13
• aged 6 months - adulthood
• who are verbal or non-verbal

What is involved?

• An assessment of communication (includes speech, language and non-verbal communication) and parent interview
• The assessment is conducted by a qualified speech pathologist and may be in person, on the phone or over Skype depending on where you live.

Get in touch!

If you or someone you know may be interested in helping with this research we would love to hear from you!

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About us

The Centre of Research Excellence in Speech and Language examines the genetic predictors of speech and language development. We conduct speech and language assessments in individuals with rare genetic conditions which allows for better insights into how speech and language develops, what goes wrong and why it matters.

This project has been approved by the Royal Childrens Hospital Human Research Ethics Committee (RCH HREC Reference Number 37353)