

Evaluating the RNIB's Bookshare scheme

# Information Sheet for Professionals

We are asking if you to take part in a short anonymous survey to help us work out how children and young people access and use the Bookshare scheme. This sheet will tell you all about it.

You are being invited to take part in a research study. Before you decide if you are happy to take part it is important for you to understand why the study is being done and what taking part will involve. Please take time to read this information sheet and decide whether or not you would like to take part and discuss it with others if you wish. Please ask us if there is anything that is not clear or if you would like more information. Thank you for taking the time to read this.

## Who is doing this study?

The study is being led by Dr Emma Ashworth from Liverpool John Moores University and the team includes Professor Lucy Bray from Edge Hill University and Dr Joanna Kirkby, also from Liverpool John Moores University.

## What is the purpose of the study?

This study is trying to find out about how children and young people (aged between 7 and 16 years old) with a print disability (e.g. vision impairment or dyslexia) access and use the Bookshare scheme.

## Why have we been invited to take part?

We are keen to hear the views of professionals who work with children and young people who use the Bookshare scheme. We are also asking parents/carers and children and young people to share their views.

## Do I have to take part?

No. It is up to you to decide whether or not you or your child take part. If you do not wish to take part there is nothing more that you need to do.

## What will happen if I take part?

You will be asked to complete a short anonymous survey online. The survey will take about 10 minutes to fill out. The survey asks questions about children and young people's use of the Bookshare scheme, how it has helped them, and how it could be improved. You will not have to answer any questions you do not want to, and you can end the survey at any time. There will be a separate link at the end of the survey where you can leave your contact details if you would like to volunteer to take part in an interview.

Will I be photographed or video/audio recorded and how will the recorded media be used?

No, you will not be photographed, and no video recording will take place.

Are there any possible disadvantages or risks from taking part?

We hope that taking part will not involve any risks for you. You do not have to answer any questions that you do not want to. As we cannot identify who has filled out a survey, we will not be able to offer individual help or support.

What are the possible benefits of taking part?

We hope that what we find out from this study will help the Bookshare service to run well for other children and young people.

Payments for taking part

There will be no payment or any benefit for taking part in this study.

What will happen to the results of the study?

The research team will share the results in articles, presentations and we will also work with parents and children to write a summary of the key findings which will be posted on our webpage. The report from the project will be shared with the RNIB and put on their website.

What will happen to information/data provided?

Your participation in this study will not involve the collection/use of personal data. We are using Survey Monkey which is a third party site. Here is a link to their privacy information: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/mp/privacy/>. You may choose to provide your name and contact details in order to take part in a follow up interview. You will be able to click on a separate link to give your contact details so that your details will not be linked to your answers. If you want to do this, so your contact details will not be linked to your survey answers in any way. Study data, records of consent, and contact details (if you choose to provide contact details) will be kept for five years after the study has finished. We will write our reports in a way that no-one can work out that you took part in the study.

Who is organising and doing the study?

This study is funded by the Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB) and being done by Liverpool John Moores University and Edge Hill University.

Who has reviewed this study?

This study has been reviewed and given ethics clearance through the Liverpool John Moores University Research Ethics Committee. UREC Reference: 22/PSY/023

What if something goes wrong or I have a concern?

If you have a concern about any part of this study, please contact the lead researcher, Dr Emma Ashworth (E.L.Ashworth@ljmu.ac.uk) who will do their best to answer your query and will acknowledge your concern within 10 working days and give you an indication of how they intend to deal with it. If you wish to make a complaint, please contact the chair of the Liverpool John Moores University Research Ethics Committee (researchethics@ljmu.ac.uk) and your communication will be re-directed to an independent person as appropriate.

### Data Protection Notice

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<https://www.ljmu.ac.uk/legal/privacy-and-cookies/external-stakeholders-privacy-policy/research-participants-privacy-notice>

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**Thank you for reading this sheet**