

# The THINC Project

Therapy Interventions for Children with neurodisability:  
current practice and research priorities

## About the THINC project

- Children, young people, parents and professionals all agree we need to know more about how therapies (e.g. physio-, occupational, and speech & language therapy) can best help children and young people.
- The National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) is thinking about funding research into therapies for disabled children. To start, they want to look at therapies for children and young people whose main need for therapy is for physical disabilities or impairments.
- To help them decide what research to fund, NIHR want to find out more about people's views and experiences. This is what the THINC project is all about. We are talking to children, young people, parents and professionals.
- This is a national project being carried out by researchers at the University of York.



## What are children's and young people's views?

- What are their experiences of therapies?
- What are the impacts of therapies on them and their lives?
- What do children and young people want achieve - now and in the future - and how might therapies help them in this?
- What sorts of research should be done into therapies for disabled children and young people?

## Taking part in the THINC project

- The THINC project is working with existing groups of disabled children or young people; for example youth clubs, school groups, social groups or sports teams.
- If you're involved in a group like this, and think your group might be interested in taking part in the THINC project, please do get in touch. We'll then send you more information and talk to you about how your group might get involved.