



Would you like to join us on a co-design journey?

We are starting a co-design journey to improve how people access services when they have social or communication differences.

The aim is to create a new app that will support people with Autistic Spectrum Conditions or other social or communication differences to have better access to and experience of health and other services.

The app will support people to express their social and communication needs in a range of settings.

Are you someone who lives with autism, or are you a parent or carer that supports somebody who lives with autism?

We need your help to find out more about what you need the app to do, what you like and don't like, what things are most important to you – and ultimately to work with us to design the app.

Who is involved in this work?

This work is being funded by **West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health and Care Partnership (WYHHCP)**. The idea for the app came from discussions with the Wakefield parent/carer forum and the team are delighted that they are able to support the development of this idea and take it to the next stage.

mHabitat are part of the NHS too (Leeds and York Partnership Foundation Trust). We are a small team that work on co-design, digital inclusion and innovation projects. Our role is to facilitate the co-design process.

We are also working with a digital agency called **Hive**. They will take part in the journey with us and take the ideas we come up with as a group – and turn them into 'prototypes'. These are early samples of how the app might look and work that we can test out together.

Yes, I'm interested – what do I do next?

There are different ways you can help us depending on how much time you have and what things you feel comfortable with. We have set up a survey so that you can tell us a bit more about you and what you think you could help with.

You can find the survey here using this link: www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/SCNeedsApp
Please fill this out as soon as you can so that we can start to set up sessions.

If we get a lot of interest, we may not be able to involve everybody who fills in the survey.

If you have any questions or need help, please get in touch with:
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