

ADAPT Genetics IRAS number 237033

Child Participant Information Sheet

GENETIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL INFLUENCES ON RECOVERY OF SEVERE PAEDIATRIC BRAIN INJURY

ADAPT Genetics UK

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We would like to ask you to take part in our research study. Before you say 'yes' or 'no' we would like you to read this information sheet so that you can find out what we will be asking you to do and why we are asking you to do it. You can ask someone else to read this to you if that is easier. You can talk about this with your family and friends if you want to. Feel free to ask us if there is anything that you do not understand.

What is this study about?

Research studies help us learn new things. We can test new ideas. First, we ask a question. Then we try to find the answer. Sometimes a child's brain gets hurt. We are trying to find out what things might help them to get better when this happens. We are doing this research to try to learn about the best way to take care of children when they injure their brains.

What will I need to do if I am in this study?

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- **Questions:** We will ask your parents to read questions on a piece of paper. Then mark their answers on the paper.
- **Spit in a tube:** We will ask you to spit into a tube/cup; or a sponge may be used to collect the saliva.

Will anyone know I am in the study?

We will not tell anybody you are in this study. Information we find out will only be used for research. Only non-identifiable information will be shared with other researchers.

Important things to know:

- You get to decide if you want to take part.
- You can say 'No' or you can say 'Yes'.
- No one will be upset if you say 'No'.
- If you say 'Yes', you can always say 'No' later.
- You can say 'No' at any time.
- We will not be mad if you say 'No'.

Who can I talk to about the research study?

If you and your parent(s)/guardian(s) have questions, then please get in touch with me, Professor Anna Adlam (a.r.adlam@exeter.ac.uk, or adapt-genetics-uk@exeter.ac.uk),

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Do you want to ask us any questions?

THANK YOU FOR READING THIS INFORMATION SHEET!

