Hello, my name is Aidan Searle - I am a Researcher at the University of Bristol in the School of Oral and Dental Sciences.

Together with colleagues from the University of Oxford, we have developed a website about cleft lip and/or palate for families and individuals who have personal experience of the condition. The aim of the website is to raise awareness of the issues faced by families and individuals affected by cleft lip and/or palate. Therefore, we conducted video and audio interviews with families and individuals who have experience of cleft and they told us about their experiences of diagnosis, treatment and living with a cleft lip and/or palate.

We now need to know if this website contains all of the information that it should, and so we are asking people who have a cleft or who know someone with a cleft if they would help us evaluate it.

We aim to do this in two ways: Firstly, we are going to evaluate the website by inviting families and individuals who have or know someone with a cleft to take part in a ‘focus group’ discussion. This would be a meeting with Six to Eight other people like you in which you would all look at different parts of the website and discuss your opinions about it. We would like to know how easy the information on the website is to understand, whether we have covered the right topics and also whether you think anything has been missed out or could be improved. Secondly, we would like you to have a look at the videos and other information we have presented on the website and let us know what you think by completing a short questionnaire via email:

Reply slip: Evaluating the Cleft lip and Palate module for Healthtalk.org

If you feel that you would like to share your views about the cleft module and help us evaluate it please complete and sign the attached response slip and return it to me. I will send you further information for you to read before you decide to take part so that you are clear about what you will be asked to do. If you do decide to take part we can pay your travel costs to the Bristol Dental School where the interviews will be held on weekdays. If you would rather not take part in a focus group we would still value any comments you have to make so please email your comments to me at: A.J.Searle@bristol.ac.uk

Thank you for reading this information and for thinking about whether to take part.

Aidan Searle
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Yes, I am happy for a researcher to contact me about this research □

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How would you like us to contact you: Telephone: □ e-mail: □

Telephone number: Day: .................. Evening: ..................
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Best time to contact me: ..........................................................

Gender: Male/Female Age:.................................

Do you:
Have a cleft lip and / or palate yourself □
Have a child with a cleft lip and / or palate □
Age of child with cleft:.................................

Have a close family member with a cleft lip / palate □

Occupation: ..........................................................
(if retired please state and give last occupation)

Ethnic Background: ..........................................................
(We are very keen to include perspectives from a range of ethnic groups in our research).