**Scoping research for people with a severe and profound hearing loss**

Thank you for agreeing to help me consider what research might be useful for adults with a severe and profound hearing loss.

My area of interest is for people who chose (or who are not suitable – for whatever reason) to have a cochlear implant.

I would really like this research to make a transform what options adults with a severe or profound hearing loss have in term of clinical management and support.

To do this effectively I am keen to hear what you think might be useful for you and other people who also experience this.

To start with all I need you to do is consider the following questions:

**About you**

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| Age |  |
| Gender |  |
| How long have you had your hearing loss? |  |
| How many hearing aids do you wear? | 0 / 1 / 2 |

**Questions to consider**

Please write as much or as little as you like

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| How do you currently use technology (thinking outside of hearing aid technology) to help with your hearing? |  |
| What types of technology do you use?  *For example*   * Smart phone – please explain how you use the relevant apps on your device to help * Equipment which stream with your hearing aid * Apps * Wearables <https://www.hearinglikeme.com/deaf-people-can-benefit-from-wearables/> * Skype (with subtitles) * Speech to Text devices * Other technology |  |
| Do you think using other technology is as helpful as your hearing aid (if you have one)? |  |
| What kind of technology would you be willing to use? |  |
| Do you care what the technology looks like? |  |
| Tell me what be the most important things that any technology developed would be like? What would be on the top of your list? |  |
| If you could have more support (and rehabilitation) from your Audiology clinic would you want this and why? |  |
| What kind of support would you like to be offered? |  |
| What do you think is the most important thing which could be researched about severe and profound hearing loss which would help you? |  |

**Next Steps**

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| Are you happy to be contacted again for more information either by email or through a Skype call (with subtitles)? | Yes / No |
| Contact email |  |

Many thanks for taking the time to help with my project.

Kind Regards

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