

Do Speech & Language Therapists feel confident and equipped to work clinically with culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities in Ireland?

About this study: We are surveying current SLT practice in relation **to working with culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities* across Ireland.**

There is a lack of data about the ways in which SLT deliver "**culturally responsive practice**" to people from CALD communities, and the ways in which SLT are supported to do this, for example through cultural competence training and access to a wider inter-disciplinary team, including interpreters.

**CALD communities may include, for example, people whose first language is Irish Sign Language or Irish in addition to other communities whose first language is not English. It may also include communities that use non-standard variants of English. CALD communities also include those from minority indigenous and migrant communities in Ireland, including Mincéir.*

The survey link is here: https://unioflimerick.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8uBZmmdeflqfpXg

Who can take part? Qualified SLTs currently practising in Ireland are welcome to take part.

What will I have to do? You will complete an online survey which should take **no more than 10 minutes**. You will answer questions* about:

- Your current practice and CALD caseload.
- Your training and confidence in delivering culturally responsive practice to CALD communities.
- Your experience accessing and working with trained health interpreters.
- Potential facilitators and barriers to your providing a culturally responsive CALD service.

** Some of the questions have been adapted from the NoMad: Implementation measure based on Normalization Process Theory. [Measurement instrument]. (Finch et al., 2015).*

What are the benefits? Your responses will help us to understand current practice and consider how best to equip SLT in providing culturally responsive services to people from CALD communities.

What are the risks? You might decide that you don't want to answer a question. If this happens, you do not have to answer any question you do not wish to.

What if I do not want to take part? Participation in this study is voluntary and you can choose not to take part or to stop your involvement in this study at any time.

What happens to the information? Your input to this questionnaire is extremely valuable and **all responses are anonymous with no identifying features**. The findings may be used in conference presentations and/or journal publications. **We would be delighted to share the results with you, when available.**

What if I have more questions or do not understand something? If you have any comments, questions and/or concerns about the study you may contact the researchers. It is important that you feel that all your questions have been answered.

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Research Ethics:

This research study has received Ethics approval from the Education and Health Sciences Research Ethics Committee at the University of Limerick (**2022_04_08_EHS**). If you have any concerns about this study and wish to contact someone independent you may contact: Chair, Education and Health Sciences Research Ethics Committee, EHS Faculty Office, University of Limerick, Tel (061) 234101.