

## THE SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY STORYTELLING PROJECT

### POTENTIAL INTERVIEW QUESTIONS FOR SERVICE USERS

To help you capture someone's story and highlight the challenges they face in life due to communication and/ or swallowing difficulties, we have built a bank of interview questions for you to consider weaving into your videos. **These questions are there for guidance only and are designed to be adapted to suit the individual you are filming. For instance, one person may be happy to be asked closed questions; another may prefer open questions.**

1. What is your name and age? (If comfortable answering.)
2. Tell me a little bit about yourself eg What hobbies/interests do you have?/What's your favourite ice cream/colour/animal?
3. What difficulties do you/did you have with communication/swallowing?
4. When did your [insert name of difficulties if interviewee has specified them] start?
5. Do you know the name of your communication/swallowing difficulty/difficulties or condition(s). If so what is it/are they?
6. What is/was it like having your communication/swallowing difficulties at:
  - home?
  - in your social life?
  - at work?
  - at school / college?
  - out in the community – at the shops, sports centre, doctors?
7. What changes would you like to see? / What things need to happen to help you feel part of the community?
8. How does having a communication/swallowing difficulty make you feel?
9. Are you aware what it is like for your family and friends? If so, tell us about it?
10. How do you find it easiest to communicate? What type of things help you to communicate?
11. With your swallowing difficulties, how do you eat?
12. What do you/did you do with your speech and language therapist?

13. How often do you/did you see your speech and language therapist?
14. What difference did/does speech and language therapy make to your life?
15. What would you say to other people about speech and language therapy?
16. What would it feel like if everywhere you went people understood your difficulties?
17. Would you like to say anything else?