

# **DOWN SYNDROME PARTICIPANTS ASSENT FORM**

## **Research study invitation**

**Research studies help us to learn new things. First, we ask a question, and then we try to find the answer.**

**This paper talks about our research study. You can decide if you would like to take part or not. Please ask us any questions that you may have. You can ask questions any time.**

**Why is this research study being done?**

**This study will help us to understand if looking at eyes will help us to understand how our brains are working as we get older.**

**Who is doing this research study?**

**Hi! My name is Aoife and I am working on this research study. I would like to test your eyes so I can see how they work.**



**Do I have to take part?**

**You do not have to take part in this study if you do not want to. You can say:**



**YES**

**OR**

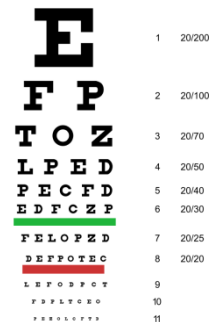


**NO**

**What does the study involve?**

**If you do say yes, you will come to visit us at the Northern Ireland Clinical Research Facility in Belfast with your carer. You will do the tests below:**

**First, I will ask some questions about your eyes. Then I will ask you to tell me if you can see what pictures or letters are on a special chart.**



**I will get you to do some memory games with me.**



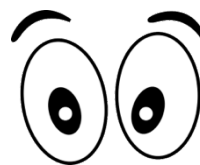
**I will ask you to give me a spit and tear sample.**



**Then, I will look at your eyes and put some drops in them.**



**After a little break, I will take some pictures of your eyes with special cameras.**



**Finally, I will ask you to do a blood test.**

**It is OK if you do NOT want to do this.**



**If you have any questions, you can ask me whenever you like. Also, if you do not feel comfortable with any of the tests, you can always tell me to stop.**

**Thank very much for thinking about taking part in this research study. Please let me know if you would like to take part in this study. Call me on**

**+44 28 7012 3416.**

