



**Translational Centre  
for Speech Disorders**  
Centre of Research Excellence



# Speech and Language in individuals with Batten Disease (CLN2 and CLN3)

## An international study

We are running a project looking at speech and language outcomes in individuals aged 6 months and older with Batten Disease (CLN2 and CLN3).

By improving our understanding of speech and language in this condition, we hope to improve prognoses, better identify those in need of support and develop more targeted strategies.

### We are looking for individuals:

- Aged 6 months and older
- Confirmed to have a pathogenic variant in CLN2 or CLN3 disease by a genetic test
- Who are verbal or non-verbal
- Bereaved caregivers are also welcome to take part in the study

### What is involved?

- Completing online surveys about speech and language skills, and health and medical history
- An online Zoom session with a Speech Pathologist for further assessment (1-2 hours)

### About us

The Translational Centre of Research Excellence for Speech Disorders examines speech and language in individuals with rare genetic conditions.

We are trying to better understand the strengths and difficulties of communication in children with rare genetic syndromes. Our longer-term aim is to help develop better targeted therapies.

### GET IN TOUCH!

If you or someone you know may be interested in helping with this research, we would love to hear from you. Contact us at:

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