

SNOEZELLEN

What does an appropriate and effective *snoezelen* approach for persons with profound intellectual and multiple disabilities (PIMD) look like? We have started a project to answer this question. For this we need your knowledge and experience.

Snoezelen, described by Hulsegge and Verheul ('s Heeren Loo De Hartenberg, the Netherlands, concerns offering sensory stimuli (stimuli that you can hear, see, feel, smell and taste). This can take place in a specially equipped snoezelen room and can also be applied in a different environment.

Do you use *snoezelen* with one or more persons with PIMD?

If so, we would like to invite you to participate in an international study into the application of *snoezelen*. We would like to ask you to complete a questionnaire once. Participation in the study is entirely voluntary. To participate, how, where or how often you use *snoezelen* does not matter.

We would like to ask you about your experiences using *snoezelen*. This information can help us further develop *snoezelen*. We want to work towards a *snoezelen* approach that offers a good fit with people with PIMD, healthcare and education professionals and parents and relatives. We can also use your knowledge and experience to improve the design of studies on the effects of *snoezelen* in the future.

Target group PIMD: *this study concerns people with profound or severe intellectual disabilities (estimated IQ below 25 points or for whom testing of IQ is not possible) and profound or severe motor disability. Sensory impairments and health problems also frequently occur in these people.*

Executive organizations and funding

The study is conducted by the Academic Collaborative Center related to people with PIMD. This a Dutch partnership between the University of Groningen, 's Heeren Loo (healthcare provider), the Hanze University of Applied Sciences, Groningen and Visio (healthcare provider and centre of expertise for partially sighted and blind people). The Academic Collaborative Center related to people with PIMD receives structural funding from ZonMw (the Netherlands Organization for Health Research and Development).

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

- Completing the questionnaire takes about 30 minutes
- The questionnaire is available until 17 May 2021
- More information on the questionnaire and, for example, on the storage and processing of your data can be found at the beginning of the questionnaire

Study results

The results of this study will be shared on the website of the Academic Collaborative Center related to people with PIMD. We also want to share the results through one or more national and international publications and conferences. Please monitor the website for further news and updates related to this study.

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