



### TOPS Annual Financial Award Received

The annual funding award for 2017/2018 has now been confirmed. In line with the US annual budget, the NIH provide the project budgets on an yearly basis, depending on acceptance of our reports. This has now gone through, and the TOPS budgets are officially approved until the end of June 2018. This is great news, once again, and we send a huge thank you to all for your continued hard work on TOPS!

### A Note about TOPS Equipment

Equipment that was supplied to our TOPS sites by the University of Manchester for the TOPS trial (such as baby scales, speech equipment, nasometers, etc.) is to remain property of the trial site after the trial. If there are questions about this, please contact Linda or Dieter in Manchester.

### Site Feedback Visits continue with Success

Paul and Lindsay have had the pleasure of meeting up with some of our TOPS team at sites in Liverpool, Glasgow, Birmingham, Edinburgh, Aarhus, Copenhagen and Malmö. It was great that Bill Shaw and Gunvor Semb could also join us at our two Danish sites. As we've mentioned before, the goal is to get to all 23 sites, but if you think your site could benefit from a visit sooner rather than later, please do not hesitate to contact Lindsay via the TOPS email account. We can discuss any questions you have right away or look at suitable timings for a site visit.



Paul and Helene in Copenhagen

### A Few Friendly Reminders...

#### 1. Please continue to collect pilot speech recordings from three and five year old children.

Pilot recordings still require informed consent. Current versions for each country are as follows;

**UK:** TOPS\_PISC\_Pilot Study V4.0 20-04-2015

**Sweden:** TOPS\_PISC\_Pilot Study\_SWEDEN\_V4.0\_20151202

**Norway:** TOPS\_PISC\_Pilot Study\_NORWAY\_V2.0\_19-Jan-2016

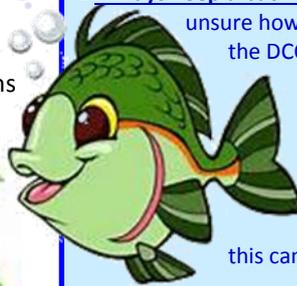
**Brazil:** TOPS\_PISC\_Pilot Study\_UK4.0\_BRAZIL\_V4.0\_19-05-2016

**Denmark:** Information til forældre pilotprojekt HELLERUP\_Version\_4\_15-03-2016

#### 2. Always keep a back up of any TOPS recording at site. If you are unsure how to do this, or have trouble, please contact the DCC via the TOPS email account for help.

**3. Please remember to fully complete the researcher section at the bottom of the additional consent form;** the DCC cannot accept consent forms where this is not fully filled in.

**4. Please DO NOT email any CRFs;** this can lead to a data protection breach.



### Can you Help Retain our Patients?

Now that we've embarked on the homestretch of TOPS, it is more important than ever to ensure we get our primary outcome data. Our main goal is to get as much information as we can from the five year visits. We realise that it takes years of dedication to keep in touch with TOPS families to keep them coming back; does your site have any suggestions to help with this? Maybe you are like Annika Uvemark in Malmö and you send personalised invites...maybe you make it a point to say hi when TOPS kids are on site for other appointments; any ideas (big or small) from our TOPS teams would be great.



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