

Our work and research

The Centre for Neurodevelopmental Disorders is located in the [School of Psychology \(/schools/psychology/index.aspx\)](/schools/psychology/index.aspx) at the University of Birmingham and is funded by [Cerebra \(http://www.cerebra.org.uk/English/Pages/home.aspx\)](http://www.cerebra.org.uk/English/Pages/home.aspx) with additional support from a number of agencies and charities. The work of the Centre focuses on the problems experienced by children and adults who have intellectual disability, autism spectrum disorders and genetic syndromes that are associated with developmental delay.

At the Centre, clinical and academic psychologists, undergraduate and postgraduate students and volunteers conduct high quality research into emotional, cognitive and behavioural difference and disorder in children and adults with neurodevelopmental disorders. More information about our research can be found on our [projects page \(/schools/psychology/centres/cerebra/about/projects/index.aspx\)](/schools/psychology/centres/cerebra/about/projects/index.aspx). In addition to carrying out research, we also translate the latest findings into effective and practical [assessments \(/schools/psychology/centres/cerebra/about/assessments/index.aspx\)](/schools/psychology/centres/cerebra/about/assessments/index.aspx) and interventions. This enables us to provide information, advice and support to parents, carers and professionals. We also publish our work in peer reviewed scientific journals and present our work at national and international conferences. See [references for articles \(/schools/psychology/centres/cerebra/publications/index.aspx\)](/schools/psychology/centres/cerebra/publications/index.aspx) for more information.

The Centre has strong links with numerous support groups who invite us to attend family conferences and support group meetings. We also have close links with NHS Trusts and schools for children with intellectual disability and autism spectrum disorder. Both the family support groups and NHS Trusts [commission research \(/schools/psychology/centres/cerebra/about/commissioned-research/index.aspx#Commissionedresearch\)](/schools/psychology/centres/cerebra/about/commissioned-research/index.aspx#Commissionedresearch) from us. To make our research effective we have a network of national and international research collaborations. At the Centre we are able to offer [clinical consultancy \(/schools/psychology/centres/cerebra/about/commissioned-research/index.aspx#Clinicalconsultancy\)](/schools/psychology/centres/cerebra/about/commissioned-research/index.aspx#Clinicalconsultancy) in specific areas but we do not offer a full clinical service.

Clinical and research training are important strands of our work. We offer placements to undergraduate and postgraduate students who want to gain the clinical and research skills necessary to understand and support children and adults with neurodevelopmental disorders. We also invite research colleagues from the UK and abroad to visit the Centre to see the work we conduct and teach us about their work.

The director of the Centre is [Professor Chris Oliver \(/staff/profiles/psychology/oliver-chris.aspx\)](/staff/profiles/psychology/oliver-chris.aspx).