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About

Title of PhD: Long term outcomes for individuals with genetic syndromes

Supervisors: Professor Chris Oliver (/staff/profiles/psychology/oliver-chris.aspx) , Dr Jo Moss (/staff/profiles/psychology/moss-jo.aspx)

Jessica is conducting a number of 10-15 year follow up studies looking at changes in the behavioural phenotype of a variety of genetic syndromes including Cornelia de Lange syndrome, Angelman syndrome, Prader-Willi syndrome, Cri du Chat syndrome, Fragile X syndrome and Smith-Magenis syndrome. She will also be looking at the quality of life of individuals with genetic syndromes across different life stages.

Qualifications

BSc (Hons) in Human Psychology with integrated placement year (Aston University)

Biography

Jessica graduated from Aston University in 2013 with a first class honours degree in Human Psychology. During her undergraduate course she undertook a one year placement as a Research Associate at the Cerebra Centre for Neurodevelopmental Disorders (University of Birmingham). She continued to work at the Cerebra Centre on a part time basis during the final year of her degree. She began a PhD funded by the charity Cerebra in 2013.

Research

Research interests

Neurodevelopmental Disorders; Rare Genetic Syndromes; The Developmental Trajectory of Intellectual Disabilities; Transition into Adulthood for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities.

Publications

Tunnicliffe, P., Woodcock, K., Bull, L., Oliver, C. and **Penhallow, J.** (2013), Temper outbursts in Prader–Willi syndrome: causes, behavioural and emotional sequence and responses by carers. *Journal of Intellectual Disability Research*. doi: 10.1111/jir.12010

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