

Clinical Decision Making for Problematic Behavior

ACTRN12624000365561

Status	RECRUITING
Sponsor	The University of Auckland
Enrollment	9 participants

Plain Language Summary

This study is for people with a disability — such as an intellectual disability, dementia, brain injury, or learning disability — who sometimes engage in challenging behaviours to get access to objects or activities they want. Researchers at the University of Auckland are developing and testing a practical decision-making tool to help clinicians choose the most effective treatment for this kind of behaviour.

Right now, choosing the right approach can be difficult because there are many possible treatments and no clear guide for when each works best. This study aims to fill that gap by creating a structured, evidence-backed tool that streamlines the decision-making process for behaviour specialists.

You may be eligible if you are at least 4 years old and have a diagnosed disability, and your support worker or carer can also be involved. Behavioural practitioners who work with people in this situation are also invited to take part in a survey component of the study. There are no exclusion criteria — the researchers welcome a diverse range of participants.

Key Eligibility Criteria

Inclusion (5)

- a) People with a disability (intellectual, learning, dementia, brain injury). Independently diagnosed prior to the study.
- b) A professional carer / staff member for each person with a disability
- c) Behavioural practitioners working with people whose behaviour is maintained by access to tangibles (Phases 1 and 3; survey only)
- We also do not have a criterion for specific diagnosis (e.g., type of dementia, learning disability). We are not seeking to make broad generalisations about people with a specific diagnosis, but start to understand some of the factors that should be considered in how to choose an appropriate intervention. As such, and due to our small-N design approach, we are not seeking an homogenous sample.
- What all participants will have in common is that they engage in behaviour thought to be maintained by access to tangibles. If we discover that their behaviour is maintained by something other than access to tangibles during the experimental functional analysis, we will exit them from the study with recommendations for intervention.

Exclusion (1)

- None

Locations (1 total)

Auckland, New Zealand

<https://www.anzctr.org.au/Trial/Registration/TrialReview.aspx?ACTRN=ACTRN12624000365561>

DISCLAIMER: This document is for informational purposes only and does not constitute medical advice. Always consult your healthcare provider before enrolling in any clinical trial. Information may not be up to date — verify details at anzctr.org.au. Generated by ClinicalTrialsFinder.org.