

“I was one of the children’s doctors involved at the start of the project and helped bring the team together. I work at the children’s hospital in Belfast, treating patients in the wards and running specialist clinics for children with asthma and other breathing problems. I went into medicine because I was really keen to understand how the human body works. Children with asthma have more ‘twitchy’ airways than normal meaning that when the breathing tubes are irritated (eg with a head cold virus) they are more likely to narrow and produce mucus – causing the child to wheeze and become short of breath. The Breathing Together study is trying to find out why some infants go on to develop wheezing while others do not and it should help us find factors that could help predict which infants are at risk.”



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