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*Abstract*

The aim of this paper is to present the findings of a study which was conducted to find out what parents regard as the important elements to include in an outcome measure to evaluate the effectiveness of parent child interaction therapy. Thirty-two parents who had attended for therapy at the Michael Palin Centre participated in the study, which was designed according to the principles of the Delphi approach. The strengths and weaknesses of this approach are described and the results of the study outlined.