

Studies

[Working collaboratively with an online advisory group of people with learning disabilities in covid-times: carrier pigeons, cats and drones](#)

While much attention and emphasis have been given to the role and value of advisory groups in social science research, less has been published on the experiences of those involved in such collaborative efforts. This article reflects on the experiences of academics, collaborators and self-advocacy experts who formed an advisory group for a research project focused on people with learning disabilities' experiences of renting their own homes. Our paper describes the collaboration, how it changed because of Covid and because of changing relationships, and what worked well and what was challenging.

[Exploring the role of autistic traits and eating disorder psychopathology on mentalising ability in the general population](#)

This study evaluated the role of overlapping traits and characteristics related to autism spectrum disorder (autism) and anorexia nervosa (AN) in the general population, and the impact of these traits on mentalising ability.

[Autistic adults benefit from and enjoy learning via social interaction as much as neurotypical adults do](#)

Autistic people show poor processing of social signals (i.e. about the social world). But how do they learn via social interaction?

[The relationship between screen time before bedtime and behaviors of preschoolers with autism spectrum disorder and the mediating effects of sleep](#)

There are overlapping effects of screen time and sleep on children's behavior. The purpose of this study was to explore the relationship of screen time with behavior problems in children with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and the probable mediating effects of sleep, in order to provide evidence for the need for clinical identification and intervention.

[Mental health counseling is rated as most helpful by autistic adults: Service perspectives in adulthood](#)

The number of autistic adults is growing, but there are fewer services to support them in adulthood. Many autistic adults need some support services to lead successful adult lives. We know a lot about the services autistic adults use and some of the problems with using these services, but we do not know which services are most helpful to them and how the services they use relate to how they interact with their communities.

[A study of the adaptation processes of individuals with intellectual disabilities and their mothers to Covid -19 restrictions](#)

In this study, it was aimed to examine the adaptation processes of individuals with intellectual disabilities and their mothers to Covid-19 restrictions. The research was designed in qualitative research method and focus group interview technique was used. The mothers of individuals with intellectual disabilities constitute the participant group of the study.

[Development and Replication of Objective Measurements of Social Visual Engagement to Aid in Early Diagnosis and Assessment of Autism](#)

Question: Can objective measurements of social visual engagement be developed and replicated to aid in early diagnosis and assessment of autism before age 3 years?



Consultations

[Oliver McGowan draft code of practice \(easy read\)](#)

We want to know if you think the guidance for training on learning disability and autism is good enough. This guidance is called a code of practice.

News

[Disability charities fear new assessments could force unwell people into work](#)

The Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) has launched a consultation which will look at updating the Work Capability Assessment's categories. The DWP says the consultation will facilitate appropriate work opportunities for disabled people, helping those who are currently excluded from the labour market to "realise their ambition of working."

[Lauren Bridges: extended out-of-area placement caused deterioration in mental health, inquest concludes](#)

Last year, Lauren Bridges, a 20-year-old autistic woman, died after attempting to take her own life in the Priory Hospital Cheadle Royal in Manchester. Now, an inquest has concluded that delays in moving her closer to home contributed to the deterioration of her mental health.

[NAS Scotland launches three-year strategy to improve the lives of autistic people](#)

The National Autistic Society (NAS) Scotland has announced the launch of a new three-year strategy, which sets out to create a society that works for autistic people and their families. The strategy builds on NAS' 'Moonshot vision', which was published in 2022. This vision was based on a major exercise undertaken by NAS, which asked autistic people and their families about the challenges they face and the changes they wanted to see.

[Young autistic people still dying despite coroner warnings over care](#)

Dozens of young autistic people have died after serious failings in their care despite repeated warnings from coroners, BBC News has found. Our investigation found issues that were flagged a decade ago are still being warned about now.

[Join our new Duke of Edinburgh Award Community of Practice](#)

We are excited to be launching a Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Award Community of Practice to share good practice and advice on making the scheme more accessible to autistic young people.

[Major national strategy to reduce number of tragic suicides](#)

Government pledge to reduce England's suicide rate within 2 and a half years with launch of new national suicide prevention strategy.

- Action to aid specific groups at risk of suicide, including children and young people, middle-aged men, autistic people, pregnant women, and new mothers
- More than 100 measures being taken including a national alert system to combat emerging methods of suicide and refreshed guidance for first responders