

## Studies

[Clinical implications of autistic features in the psychosis spectrum: a cross-sectional study using path analysis](#)

Despite the fact that there have been many studies on the connection between autism and psychosis, there are still many things that are unknown about the significance of this connection. Recent studies have highlighted the significant overlap between autistic traits and psychotic disorders, yet the clinical implications of these associations are not well understood.

[Challenges and opportunities for inclusive, equitable and accessible school holiday clubs for children with special educational needs and disabilities \(SEND\)](#)

Children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), particularly those from families with low-income, experience inequities across educational and health outcomes. The school holidays are difficult for families with low-income, prompting UK government programmes including the Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) clubs. Little is known about how inclusive these holiday clubs are for children with SEND, despite this being a group who may particularly benefit.

[Memantine to Treat Social Impairment in Youths With Autism Spectrum Disorder: A Randomized Clinical Trial](#)

Does treatment with memantine improve social functioning in youths with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) without intellectual disability?

## Study Summaries

[Therapy through the lens of autism: what helps autistic adults feel safe and supported?](#)

Therapy is a place to be heard and understood, yet for many autistic adults, building a sense of psychological sanctuary can be tricky. Mental health support is especially important due to heightened prevalence of depression, anxiety, and suicidality in the autistic population (O'Nions et al., 2024).

## Guidance

[Identifying restrictive practice](#)

This resource has been developed to raise awareness among staff of the range of restrictive practices that are used within mental health inpatient services and their impact on patients.

[Mandatory training on learning disability and autism](#)

Standards for training on learning disability and autism for registered health and social care providers and their staff.

## Podcasts

[Paracetamol and Donald Trump's medical myths – Full Story podcast](#)

When the US president stood up at the podium and announced a link between autism and paracetamol, he sent alarm through the medical community and the public.

### [Fact-checking Trump's autism announcement – podcast](#)

In a televised press conference on Monday, Donald Trump and health secretary Robert F Kennedy Jr made a series of unproven claims about autism and its links to paracetamol use in pregnant women, and about childhood vaccinations. The comments were immediately refuted by scientists and health agencies around the world, but many expressed concern about the impact of this misinformation being repeated at the highest levels of government. So what does the science really say?

## Blogs

### [The rise of women with autism diagnoses: 'We mask until it blows up'](#)

Molly Siobhan Parker is on a quest to dispel myths around autism - especially autistic women. She was diagnosed at the age of 22 and is one of a growing number of newly-diagnosed adults.

### [Why it's time to rethink the notion of an autism 'spectrum'](#)

The phrases "autism spectrum" or "on the spectrum" have become part of everyday language. They are often used as different ways of referring to someone who is "neurodivergent".

### [Paracetamol use during pregnancy not linked to autism, our study of 2.5 million children shows](#)

United States President Donald Trump recently claimed that using the common painkiller acetaminophen (also known as paracetamol and by the brand name Tylenol in the US) during pregnancy is fuelling the rise in autism diagnoses. He then went on to suggest pregnant women should "tough it out" rather than use the common painkiller if they experience fever or pain.

### [From 'refrigerator mothers' to paracetamol: why harmful autism myths are so common](#)

US president Donald Trump's claim that pregnant women should avoid paracetamol – a statement that is both harmful and not backed by the science – fits into a long and damaging tradition of blaming parents, especially mothers, for autism.

## News

### [Wes Streeting rejects Trump claim linking paracetamol and autism](#)

Wes Streeting has rejected Donald Trump's unproven claims of a link between taking paracetamol in pregnancy and autism, urging mothers-to-be to ignore the US president's remarks.

### ['Don't trust Trump': how UK health experts are fighting back against a war on medicine](#)

Ministers and medical groups have acted quickly to limit fallout after US president made unproven link between paracetamol and autism.

### [Thousands join fight against President Trump's false autism claims](#)

The National Autistic Society has seen a huge outpouring of anger about the horrendous misinformation about autism by President Trump this week.

### [NHS App's family access feature "as simple as switching Netflix profiles"](#)

A new family feature being piloted in the NHS App is making it easier for parents and carers to manage their loved ones' health as simply as switching profiles on Netflix.

[Campaigners urge government to stop the collapse of learning disability nursing](#)

A coalition of health organisations and disability campaigners has sent a joint letter to the Health Secretary Wes Streeting, warning of an "imminent collapse" in learning disability nursing that could lead to more avoidable deaths of people with learning disabilities.

[Autism should not be seen as single condition with one cause, say scientists](#)

Those diagnosed as small children typically have distinct genetic profile from those diagnosed later, study finds.

[After 40 years as an autistic person in the workplace, I realised it was OK to ask for changes](#)

Many autistic people face barriers due to stereotypes and ableist assumptions, including the belief that the neurotypical way of working is the only right way.

[In memoriam: Stephanie "Steve" Shirley, autism philanthropist](#)

Fueled by business success and her son, she played an outsized role in British autism research.

[Neurodiversity takes centre stage at Oxford's first conference](#)

Oxford's first Neurodiversity Conference brought together clinicians, researchers, local organisations members of the public and the neurodivergent community to discuss current and future research and areas for potential collaboration.