

Studies

[Secondary effects of dialectical behaviour therapy on social functioning, quality of life, and autism traits in autistic adults with suicidality](#)

Dialectical behaviour therapy is a comprehensive treatment that helps individuals improve distress tolerance, mindfulness, interpersonal effectiveness and emotion regulation. It is commonly used to assist those experiencing self-harm and suicidal thoughts or behaviours. Despite its broad application, our understanding of how dialectical behaviour therapy impacts autistic individuals with suicidal behaviour remains limited. This study compared dialectical behaviour therapy with treatment as usual in 123 autistic adults experiencing suicidal behaviours.

[Interventions Targeting Anxiety in Individuals with Learning Disabilities: A Scoping Review](#)

The current scoping review synthesizes the literature on interventions targeting anxiety in individuals with a learning disability (LD). Specifically, the review identifies types of interventions, outcomes, and barriers to or facilitators of implementation of interventions by school staff.

[Understanding the barriers to hiring autistic people as perceived by employers in the United Kingdom](#)

In the United Kingdom, autistic adults struggle more to find jobs than non-autistic adults, which is a big concern to the government. To help more autistic people get jobs, hiring processes need to be better. By understanding what employers find challenging about hiring autistic people, we can come up with solutions to improve autistic people's employment chances.

['It depends entirely on the nature of those supports': Community perceptions of the appropriateness of early support services for autistic children](#)

Autistic advocates emphasise the need for neurodiversity-affirming and strengths-based approaches to support services; however, little is known about broader community perspectives regarding the appropriateness of offering early support services to autistic children.

[Gender and family-role portrayals of autism in British newspapers: An intersectional corpus-based study](#)

News media influence how society views different social groups. A recent study which examined how British newspapers represent autism found that the coverage was largely negative, focused mainly on boys, and often presented their stories from the perspectives of their mothers. This follow-up study aims to understand how these representations vary by gender and family role.

[Cost-effectiveness of a Low-cost Educational Messaging and Prescription-fill Reminder Intervention to Improve Medication Adherence Among Individuals With Intellectual and Developmental Disability and Hypertension](#)

Adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDDs) have a similar prevalence of hypertension as the general population, but a higher rate of medication nonadherence at 50% compared with the average of 30%.

[Health problems in children with profound intellectual and multiple disabilities: a scoping review](#)

This study aims to investigate and categorize health problems in children with profound intellectual and multiple disabilities (PIMD).



[Explaining reproductive health inequalities among people with intellectual disabilities: a meta-narrative review protocol](#)

People with intellectual disabilities experience health inequalities at a greater level than their non-disabled peers. Notably, while general health status is starting to receive some attention, the reproductive health and rights of people with intellectual disabilities continue to be understudied from a policy and research perspective. The objective of this review is to elucidate the complex interplay between individual, social and structural factors that influence reproductive health outcomes for this population.

[Effect of cognitive-behavioral therapy-based physical play intervention on empathic ability of children with intellectual disabilities](#)

The purpose of this study was to investigate the potential of cognitive-behavioral therapy-based sports game intervention in enhancing empathy abilities among children with intellectual developmental disorder.

[Language and Ageing in Adults With Down Syndrome: An Analysis of Receptive and Expressive Language Measures](#)

The evidence on the effect of age on the receptive and expressive language skills of individuals with Down syndrome is inconclusive. Recent research highlights the relevance of having tools to detect age-related changes in language skills.

[Teaching Early Reading Skills to Adults With Intellectual Disabilities Using a Support Worker/Family Carer Mediated Online Reading Programme: A Feasibility Randomised Controlled Trial](#)

There is a paucity of research into interventions that help people with intellectual disabilities learn to read. This feasibility study examines whether an online reading programme, Headsprout, with additional support strategies and supervision (the intervention), can be delivered by support workers/family carers and the feasibility of conducting a later large-scale effectiveness trial.

[Outcomes After Total Knee Arthroplasty in Patients With Autism: A Retrospective Database Study](#)

Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is a neurodevelopmental disorder associated with osteoarthritis for which total knee arthroplasty (TKA) may be considered. The safety and efficacy of TKA in patients with ASD had been poorly characterized.

[Unveiling genetic insights: Array-CGH and WES discoveries in a cohort of 122 children with essential autism spectrum disorder](#)

Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is a neurodevelopmental disorder with a strong genetic component and high heterogeneity. Essential ASD refers to patients who do not have other comorbidities. This study aimed to investigate the genetic basis of essential ASD using whole exome sequencing (WES) and array-comparative genomic hybridization (array-CGH).

Reports

[Our new research: the economic case for autism](#)

The London School of Economics (LSE) has published a new report, commissioned by the Autism Alliance UK and Autistica, exploring the economic case for prioritising autism in policy and reform.



Guidance

[Safeguarding disabled children: practice tips](#)

Advice from a Community Care Inform guide, including in relation to applying professional curiosity and assessing disabled children's needs.

[Cervical Screening for Physically Disabled Women and Autistic Women](#)

This clinical guidance provides resources for registered nurses, midwives and nursing associates who are responsible for providing cervical screening in any setting. The main intention is to encourage and facilitate the uptake of cervical screening for women and those with a cervix who have a physical disability and/or are autistic.

News

[One third of neurodivergent employees experience discrimination in the workplace](#)

Almost a third of neurodivergent employees (29%) have experienced discrimination in the workplace, according to new research by Autistica.

[Nearly 5% of pupils have an EHCP, says new report which calls for reform to SEND system](#)

Funding for pupils with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) has risen by £4 billion over the past five years, according to a new report which found that nearly 5% of all school pupils now have an education, health and care plan (EHCP).

[Latest News: TV Edwards](#)

Earlier this month (11th November), law firm TV Edwards secured an admission that their client, Ella Chapple, had her human rights breached when her local authority unlawfully issued care proceedings.

["We need human rights" – Human Rights for a Good Life](#)

December 10th is International Human Rights Day and the theme this year is 'Our Right, Our Future, Right Now' – celebrating how important human rights are to all of us in our day-to-day lives.

[A Meeting of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Social Care](#)

Representatives from Learning Disability England recently attended a meeting for the Social Care All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG).

[The Government Plan for Jobs and Benefits – Get Britain Working](#)

The government have published a White Paper called Get Britain working – it says their plans to change the different kinds of help to work there is for young people and disabled people.

["Playing games turns me into a person who makes sense"](#)

When he was diagnosed as autistic at the age of 40, author Tim Clare saw a link to his lifelong love of board games. Here, he explains the power of the game for those who struggle to understand the rules of life.

[Extra Y chromosomes are linked to autism](#)

Data from people with more or fewer than two sex chromosomes could help answer questions around genetic protection and vulnerability.

