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NHS staff autism training is now law

Measures to ensure all NHS staff receive training in learning disabilities and autism now have the full force of the law behind them...



Mum tells Lords: give carers living wage

Autism, ADHD linked to allergy, diseases

Research has found significant links between allergies and autoimmune diseases, and autism and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)...



Carers' plight worse in cost of living crisis

Stars of the Month



Paula and Tom McGowan

It was back in June 2018 that Autism Eye first covered the campaign that Paula McGowan has led for health professionals to undergo compulsory training in autism and learning disabilities. It followed the death of her 18-year-old son, Oliver, after doctors dismissed the family's concerns and gave him anti-seizure medication despite

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family's warnings and gave him antipsychotic medication, despite medical records showing he had an intolerance to such drugs.

The photographs of Oliver – who had mild autism, epilepsy and learning difficulties – lying on his hospital bed that we published in the autumn 2018 issue of *Autism Eye Magazine* are heartbreaking. How much worse must it have been for his parents, Paula and Tom, to have been there to see it all happen?

But Paula and Tom turned the grief and anger they must have felt into a tireless focus on creating positive change in Oliver's name. And now their efforts have paid off, with the Oliver McGowan Mandatory Training in Learning Disability and Autism programme becoming law (see the news story, above).

The training is designed to help health and care staff understand unconscious bias against people with learning disabilities and autism and thereby provide better care. It is scheduled to be rolled out next year to 3.7 million NHS staff.

Our photograph shows Tom and Paula outside Buckingham Palace earlier this month, with Paula wearing the OBE she received that day for her campaigning. Tom is by her side, as he has been throughout their fight. Our huge admiration goes out to them both.

Events

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Successful schooling: a parents' guide to achievement

17 MAY 2022

A live webinar with Rachel Varney, Therapeutic SENCo for the ADHD Foundation, giving advice to parents on schooling and how to make it a success for your child.

> Autism: The Gender Gap

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An in-person event with Anne-Marie Harrison from Ideas Afresh Education, taking place in Leeds. This workshop will help parents and carers to understand the presentations of autism in boys and girls.

Autism & Teens > Successful steps to >

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A live webinar with Anne-Marie Harrison from Ideas Afresh Education, looking at the presentation of autism in teenagers and practical support strategies for parents and carers.

adulthood for your neurodiverse child

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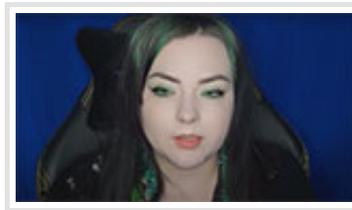
Mike Hussey of the ADHD Foundation gives advice on the transition to adulthood for a neurodiverse child.

Videos



Autism obsessions and fixations

Craig Kohn, diagnosed with Asperger's syndrome, talks about autism obsessions and fixations and what they are



Autism & obsessions (and does ADHD interfere?)

Willow Hope, who is on the autism spectrum, talks revealingly about the way obsessions affect her

Feature



An accurate diagnosis of autism can be life-changing for children and adults. Without one, the needs of those on the spectrum are left unmet, with far-reaching consequences. Fiona McNeill talks to experts about setting out to gain a diagnosis and what it means for families

Journey to a diagnosis

“If children are waiting more than two years for a diagnosis, a lot of early years will be missed”

The task of the NHS is to get the diagnosis right. It's not just about the child, but also about the family. The NHS is a complex system, and it's not always clear how to navigate it. The NHS is a complex system, and it's not always clear how to navigate it. The NHS is a complex system, and it's not always clear how to navigate it.

Signs that someone might be on the autism spectrum

Autism is a spectrum, and it can affect people in different ways. Some people have obvious signs, while others have more subtle signs. It's important to know the signs so you can get help if you need it.

What to do if you think you or your child might be on the autism spectrum

If you think you or your child might be on the autism spectrum, it's important to get help. There are many resources available to help you understand more about autism and what it means for you or your child.

How to get a diagnosis

Getting a diagnosis can be a long and difficult process. It's important to know what to expect and how to navigate the system. There are many resources available to help you understand more about the process.

What to do after a diagnosis

Once you or your child has been diagnosed with autism, it's important to know what to do next. There are many resources available to help you understand more about the process.



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