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IN THE NEWS



Autism: The struggles of suspected patients battling long waiting lists

New research has found that three in five individuals on the autism diagnosis waiting list still haven't been assessed after a year - despite the target being 13 weeks.

Life expectancy lags for autistic people in United Kingdom

The finding confirms past research that links autism to early death, but it also suggests that the life expectancy gap may be smaller than previously thought



New research: The economic benefits of increasing employment rates for autistic people

New research from Pro Bono Economics (PBE) shows that doubling the employment rate for autistic people could boost the economy by up to £1.5 billion

BBC highlights preventable deaths of autistic people

BBC News today published results of an investigation into the deaths of numerous young autistic people due to serious failings in their care. This is despite repeated warnings from coroners



New tablet-based tools to spot autism draw excitement - and questions

Handheld devices promise to bring autism detection home, but many researchers urge caution

GUIDELINES



NICE (2024) Autism Overview



NICE (2021) Autism spectrum disorder in adults: diagnosis and management [CG142]



National framework and operational guidance for autism assessment services

Information Summary

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ORGANISATIONS



WEB RESOURCES



[The Transmitter: publication for the neuroscience community](#)



[Clinical Knowledge Summary \(Adults\)](#)



[Clinical Knowledge Summary \(Children\)](#)

LATEST RESEARCH



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LATEST RESEARCH



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