

AUTISM TRAINING & AWARENESS ONLINE TRAINING RESOURCES

The Department of Health funded a series of on-line training resources and booklets to increase awareness and understanding of autism across all public services. Working with the Royal College of Nursing, Royal College of Psychiatrists, the Social Care Institute for Excellence, the British Psychological Society, the Royal College of General Practitioners, Health Talk Online, Skills for Health and Skills for Care and the National Autistic Society, these organisations have produced a range of quality materials to enable frontline staff to better recognise and respond more effectively to the needs of adults with autism. For more information, follow the links below.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF NURSING

This link is available as a free download for all healthcare professionals that may come into contact with people who have autism, highlighting key issues to consider.

<http://nursingstandard.rcnpublishing.co.uk/guides/autism-poster>

ROYAL COLLEGE OF GP'S

The Autism in General Practice course enables you to improve the care you and your practice provide for patients with Autistic Spectrum Conditions (ASC). Using video clips of real patients and carers recounting their experiences, this course helps you to understand the challenges that people with ASC face on a daily basis.

If you encounter any difficulties opening these links, please contact Membership Services on 020 3188 7766 or via e-mail membership@rcgp.org.uk

www.elearning.rcgp.org.uk

<http://elearning.rcgp.org.uk/course/view.php?id=78>

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PSYCHIATRISTS

The Royal College of Psychiatrists aims to engage in expanding knowledge about the psychiatry of learning disability and autism.

If you encounter any difficulties opening these links, please contact the Royal College of Psychiatrists on Tel: 020 7235 2351.

www.rcpsych.ac.uk/training/aboutthecetc/aspergersyndrome.aspx

<http://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/default.aspx?page=0>

SKILLS FOR HEALTH & SKILLS FOR CARE

Skills for Health and Skills for Care have developed a framework to guide the delivery of autism training for the mainstream health and social care workforces.

SKILLS FOR HEALTH

www.skillsforhealth.org.uk/service-area/autism/

SKILL FOR CARE

http://www.skillsforcare.org.uk/developing_skills/autism/autism_skills_and_knowledge_list.aspx

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SOCIAL CARE INSTITUTE FOR EXCELLENCE

This link looks at the techniques and skills that care workers and social workers need to support people with autism and help them achieve their goals.

www.scie.org.uk/socialcaretv/topic.asp?guid=36fd44de-5a56-4a18-9224-18f23b72c7c5

BRITISH PSYCHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The Society has developed three e-learning modules on autism, which appeal to a range of learners by delivering knowledge and understanding from introductory to specialised levels. The e-learning modules are delivered via the [BPS Learning Centre](http://www.bps.org.uk/learning-centre). The BPS have worked in partnership with psychologists with expertise in autism and an e-learning provider to produce and deliver these modules. Two modules are freely available to both members and non-members of the BPS and the third is aimed principally at psychologists and all professionals working in this field.

http://bps-learning-centre.bps.org.uk/e-learning/e-learning_home.cfm

www.bps.org.uk/cpd

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

The Healthtalkonline website lets you share in other people's experiences of health and illness. This information is based on qualitative research into patient experiences led by experts at the University of Oxford.

www.healthtalkonline.org/Autism/

NATIONAL AUTISTIC SOCIETY

The National Autistic Society website provides increased awareness and understanding of autism. It also details some of the examples of autism awareness training that currently exist.

www.autism.org.uk/autismstrategy