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COVID-19

[Coronavirus and loneliness](#) This post from BILD offers an easy read guide discussing loneliness during the current pandemic.

[Things are changing for more people – let’s get ready](#) A summary of the latest guidance for people who have been shielding during the coronavirus outbreak.

Studies

[Neural responsivity to social rewards in autistic female youth](#) A study about the brain’s reward system in autism, which found that autistic girls may find social interaction more rewarding than autistic boys do.

[Trajectories of Autism Symptom Severity Change During Early Childhood](#) This study found that the severity of core autism traits changes substantially in nearly half of autistic children from ages 3 to 6.

[Study links gene to inherited form of autism](#) This news article discusses a study which found that inherited mutations in a gene called ACTL6B lead to autism, epilepsy and intellectual disability. Read the full study [here](#).

[Autism linked to sleep problems and brain changes in infancy](#) This article describes a study which suggests that children with autism are more likely than typical children to have had problems falling asleep as infants, according to a new study. These infants also have more growth in the hippocampus, the brain’s memory hub, from age 6 to 24 months. The study is the first to link sleep problems to altered brain development in infants later diagnosed with autism.

[Altered learning may drive social inattention in autistic children](#) This article summaries a study which found that children with autism have trouble learning that faces convey information, but they excel at learning that some objects do. Full Text article [here](#).

Guidance

[ANNB screening: supporting women with learning disabilities](#) Information to support women with learning disabilities to access and understand antenatal and newborn screening.

News

[Patient record flag can positively affect care of people with learning disabilities](#) Healthcare for people with a learning disability can be improved by a new flag on patient records, a pilot scheme has shown.

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Webinar

[Good health and Annual Health Checks](#) As guidance changes how can support services help people with learning disabilities stay healthy including having an annual health check? Learning Disability England are hosting a webinar on 21st July focussing on annual health checks and will include some examples of how they can help people despite current Covid restrictions.

21st July 3pm – 4pm on Zoom