

# Learning Disabilities

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## Studies

[Autism genes may play key role in development of amygdala](#) This webpage summarises a study which found that nearly all genes with moderate to strong ties to autism are expressed in the developing amygdala.

[Infants' brain waves may foretell autism traits](#) Infants with particular patterns of electrical activity in the brain go on to have high levels of autism traits as toddlers, a new study shows. This webpage summarises the study findings which involved the study of 36 younger siblings of children with autism and 29 controls. The study found that neural connectivity across frontal and temporo-parietal regions at 3 months predicted ASD symptoms at 18 months.

[Popular screen may mistake intellectual disability for autism](#) This article summarises a Norwegian [study](#) which found that common autism screening tool utilised at 18 months may flag non-autistic toddlers who have intellectual disability, a new study of children in Norway reports.

## News

[National Autistic Society Scotland calls for transition plans to help autistic children return to school following lockdown](#) The National Autistic Society Scotland is calling on schools to provide all autistic children with a personalised transition plan to help with their return to school in August.

[Liberty Protection Safeguards implementation delayed until April 2022](#) The full implementation of the Liberty Protection Safeguards (the LPS) has been delayed until April 2022, after the government accepted that its planned October 2020 go-live date was not possible.

[£62 million Community Discharge Fund launches to help accelerate hospital discharges for people with learning disabilities](#) People with learning disabilities or autism who could be better supported in their community will have their discharges from hospital accelerated thanks to a fund. The Community Discharge Fund, the funding will help to move people with learning disabilities and autistic people into more appropriate care: either into less restrictive settings or into the community, where appropriate.

[COVID-19 may be deadlier for group-home residents](#) Intellectually or developmentally disabled New Yorkers living in group homes may be more likely to contract and die of COVID-19 than those in the general population, according to a new study of more than 20,000 group-home residents.