



# World Autism Acceptance Week

April 2-8, 2024

This week is planned around Autism Awareness day, which takes place on April 2.

Autistic People face many barriers as well as discrimination across all parts of society such as in healthcare, social care, education and employment, as well as in other areas of life. This week brings an awareness to these difficulties so we as a society can support and celebrate autistic people and help work towards a fully accepting and inclusive world.



Only around 30% of autistic people are in some form of paid employment in the UK



Around 70% of autistic people experience mental health problems



Only 26% of autistic children feel happy at school



Autistic children are 3 times more likely to be excluded from school

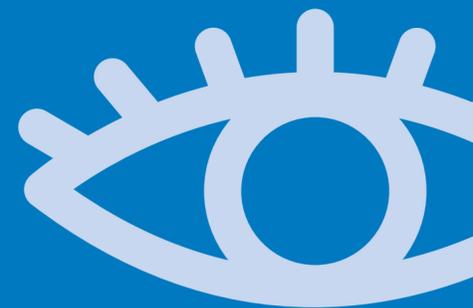


Up to 80% of autistic people experience difficulties in visiting their GP



Recent research found that Autistic people overall have poorer quality healthcare and are more likely to have a chronic health issue than non autistic people

• Sources listed on next page



# Find out more about Autism

- [Autism.org.uk](https://www.autism.org.uk)
- [Ambitiousaboutautism](https://www.ambitiousaboutautism.org)
- [NHS- Autism Support](https://www.nhs.uk/healthcare/autism-support)
- [National Autistic Society- You Tube video: What is Autism?](#)

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