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**Autism and bullying:**

*What do we know and what can we do?*

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Abstract

Autism spectrum conditions affect how individuals communicate with and relate to other people. In this seminar I will examine research that considers bullying of children and young people who are identified as being 'on the spectrum'. My focus will be on the evidence around increased prevalence of bullying of children with autism, risk factors, the experience of victimisation, and its likely outcomes for those affected. I will then consider what the accumulated evidence base tells us about how we may best intervene, including work with children themselves, their peers, teachers and the school system more broadly.

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