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[@nomorecutz](#) [@drstevenkapp](#) [@autselfadvocacy](#) [@aneeman](#) [@HappeLab](#) We can predict it: as the Workgroup took the view that of a single blanket ASD dx profile, using specifiers to describe individual needs. Justification for this is various research, including all previous attempts to divide autism had failed.

[@nomorecutz](#) [@drstevenkapp](#) [@autselfadvocacy](#) [@aneeman](#) [@HappeLab](#) To reduce stigma for all autistic persons.

<https://www.jaacap.org/article/S0890-8567%252811%252900268-1/abstract>

[@nomorecutz](#) [@drstevenkapp](#) [@autselfadvocacy](#) [@aneeman](#) [@HappeLab](#) PDA literature: PDA was not based on triad of impairment that underpins all autism dx criteria. PDA surface sociability is due to deficits in social identity, not Theory of Mind:



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A proposal is made to recognise pathological demand avoidance syndrome (PDA) as a separate entity within the pervasive developmental disorders, instead of being classed under "pervasive developmental..."

<https://adc.bmj.com/content/88/7/595>

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<https://www.autismeastmidlands.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/Communication-development-of-Children-with-pathological-Demand-Avoidance-Syndrome.pdf>

[@nomorecutz](#) [@drstevenkapp](#) [@autselfadvocacy](#) [@aneeman](#) [@HappeLab](#) The specificity & PDA had not been established. Could be explained as either interaction of comorbid & autism. Or PDA behaviours might not be caused by autism:





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[@nomorecutz](#) [@drstevenkapp](#) [@autselfadvocacy](#) [@aneeman](#) [@HappeLab](#) Again PDA might not be caused by autism. PDA might be a double hit. Also difficulties dividing autism are applicable to all subtypes & therefore including PDA:



Autism spectrum disorders in the DSM-V: Better or worse than the DS...

The DSM-V-committee has recently published proposed diagnostic criteria for autism spectrum disorders. We examine these criteria in some detail. We be...

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0891422210002647>

[@nomorecutz](#) [@drstevenkapp](#) [@autselfadvocacy](#) [@aneeman](#) [@HappeLab](#) PDA might be a form of attachment disorder or Personality Disorder:

<https://www.ingentaconnect.com/contentone/bild/gap/2007/00000008/00000001/art00002>

Anxiety is an autism comorbid is recognised here:

<https://www.ingentaconnect.com/contentone/bild/gap/2011/00000012/00000001/art00005>

[@nomorecutz](#) [@drstevenkapp](#) [@autselfadvocacy](#) [@aneeman](#) [@HappeLab](#) PDA is clinically different to autism in a few ways are found here:

<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/pdf/10.1177/1362361313481861>

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<http://www.pdaresource.com/files/An%20examination%20of%20the%20behavioural%20features%20associated%20with%20PDA%20using%20a%20semi-structured%20interview%20-%20Dr%20E%20O'Nions.pdf>

[@nomorecutz](#) [@drstevenkapp](#) [@autselfadvocacy](#) [@aneeman](#) [@HappeLab](#) When combining all this information together, it is not difficult to see that PDA would have

been excluded from ASD by the Workgroup.

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Apparently, Gillian Baird & [@HappeLab](#) did suggest PDA for inclusion for DSM5.

PDA was excluded due to lack of evidence & not familiar in USA. So was not

"formally" considered. Yet, evidence was assessed. I asked Gillian Baird.

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NAS conference where [@HappeLab](#) suggested research agenda for getting PDA

recognised as an ASD.

choiceforum.org/docs/pda.pdf

Agenda is described in Christie et al (2011) & conference views it as ASD. Subsequent

research views PDA as ASD.

Director, Complex Learning Difficulties and Disabilities Research Project, SSAT/DFE

09.45 **Towards a better understanding of PDA**

- What is PDA and how does it present in individuals?
- Where does it fit on the autism spectrum?
- Developing clearer diagnostic understandings: defining criteria and diagnostic classification
- Post-diagnosis - what next?

Phil Christie
Consultant Child Psychologist and Director
The Elizabeth Newson Centre

14.45

11.10 **refreshment break**

11.40 **New research ideas and questions about PDA**

- The puzzle of PDA
- Exploring PDA traits in existing data from a large population-based twin sample
- Future research into the cognitive profile underlying PDA

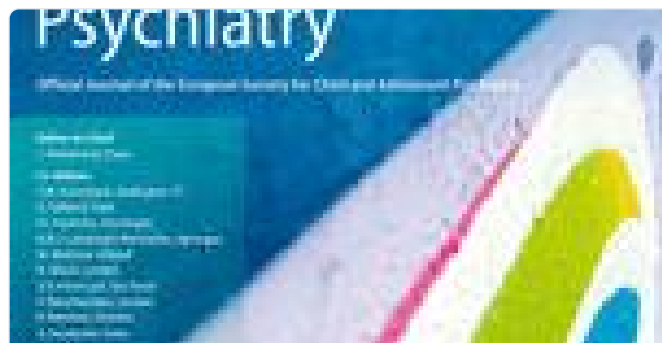
Professor Francesca Happé
Professor of Cognitive Neuroscience, MRC SGDP Centre
Institute of Psychiatry, King's College London
and
Liz O'Nions
Postgraduate research student, MRC SGDP Centre
Institute of Psychiatry, King's College London

12.30 **Lunch**

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research where PDA is viewed as an ASD. Agenda of study is to make PDA a

"meaningful subgroup". High Altmetrics and 25000 views:



Identifying features of 'pathological demand avoidance' us

The term 'pathological demand avoidance' (PDA) was coined by Elizabeth Newson to describe children within the autism spectrum who exhibit obsessive resistance to everyday demands and...

<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s00787-015-0740-2>

The third stage used data from a sample of cases assessed using the DISCO for possible autism spectrum disorder ($N = 153$). These data were used to determine which of the 17 PDA-relevant DISCO items were *not* widely endorsed in general in an autism spectrum sample, since features typical of ASD in general are unlikely to be **useful in identifying a meaningful subgroup**. Ten of the DISCO PDA items had low endorsement rates ('marked difficulties' in less than 30 % of the total sample). Low endorsement suggested that these items might prove somewhat specific indicators of PDA. An additional item, 'Lack of co-operation', did not meet this low endorsement threshold (it was endorsed as 'marked' for 33 % of the sample), but was included due to its conceptual centrality—capturing

Identifying features of 'pathological demand avoidance' using the Diagnostic Interview for Social and Communication Disorders (DISCO)

Elizabeth O'Nions[✉], Judith Gould, Phil Christie, Christopher Gillberg, Essi Viding & Francesca Happé
European Child & Adolescent Psychiatry 25:407–419(2016) | [Cite this article](#)
253 Accesses | 14 Citations | 58 Altmetrics | [Metrics](#)

Abstract

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