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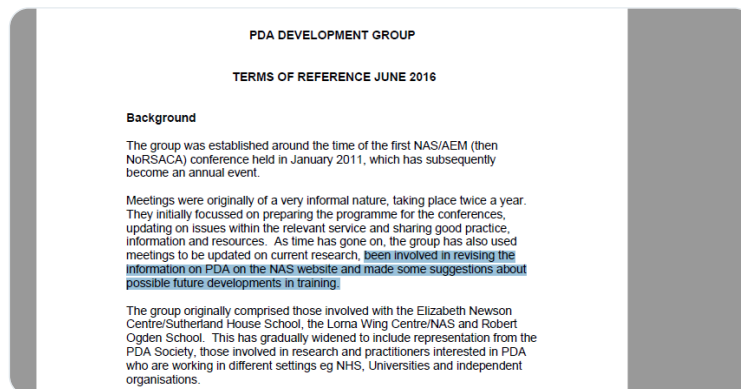
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[@NotPNT](#) [@Autism](#) The issue is that much PDA information is coordinated by the PDA Development Group which includes, NAS, PDA Society, Christie, Eaton and others

<https://rationaldemandavoidancecom.files.wordpress.com/2020/08/pda-development-group-tor-july-2016.pdf>

[@NotPNT](#) [@Autism](#) PDA Development Group controls PDA information on NAS's website etc



[@NotPNT](#) [@Autism](#) Then PDA Development Group members refer to the information they already decided on NAS's website & conference etc as justification for their position on PDA.

[@NotPNT](#) [@Autism](#) This is an example of [@DrJudes03](#) referring to NAS's acceptance of PDA.

Demand Avoidance, Neurotic Dysphoria, Pathological Demand Avoidance Syndrome; and Rational Demand Avoidance (Woods 2019a); Demand Avoidant Behaviour (Brede et al, 2017). Judy Eaton herself dislikes the term Pathological Demand Avoidance, specifically expressing:

*"Pathological demand avoidance, despite its acceptance by the National Autistic Society as part of the autism spectrum, is still highly controversial. This may be, in part, due to the term 'pathological'. This is deemed by many professionals, myself included, to be a derogatory and unhelpful name for such a debilitating condition. Extreme anxiety or extreme demand avoidance might be better."* (Eaton, 2017, pages 190–200).

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@NotPNT @Autism @DrJudes03 Here is @PDASociety doing the same as Judy Eaton:


<https://www.pdasociety.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/What-is-PDA-booklet-website-v1.1.pdf>

**What is PDA?**

PDA (Pathological Demand Avoidance) is widely understood to be a **profile** on the autism spectrum, involving the avoidance of everyday demands and the use of 'social' strategies as part of this avoidance.

Whilst autism is a well-recognised term, our understanding of the full breadth and complexity of the autism spectrum is still evolving.

The National Autistic Society explains autism as "a lifelong disability which affects how people communicate and interact with the world". Many autistic advocates embrace the social model of disability and view a range of neurological differences as being part of a natural human variation (neurodiversity).



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@NotPNT @Autism @DrJudes03 @PDASociety This is prominent PDA is an ASD researchers saying PDA is part of autism, is recognised by NAS and has interest from NAS conferences. @HappeLab



Identifying features of pathological demand avoidance using the Prag...

The term 'pathological demand avoidance' (PDA) was coined by Elizabeth Newson to describe children within the autism spectrum who exhibit obse

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

approaches recommended for most individuals on the autism spectrum. Instead of structure and predictable routine, Newson suggested that children with PDA responded best to novelty, humour and flexibility. Development of one to one relationships with staff was reported to buffer demands, which could also be disguised using an 'indirect' approach [1, 3].

The concept of PDA has grown in popularity during the last decade, particularly in the UK where the description originated. Despite the absence of agreed diagnostic criteria for PDA, the limited research base and its lack of inclusion in the ICD-10 [4] or DSM-5 [5], clinicians are increasingly using the term to describe children who fit the profile. There has been debate with regard to the usefulness of PDA as a concept. However, the depth of interest in the topic is evidenced by annual oversubscribed conferences on PDA organised by the UK-based National Autistic Society (NAS) since 2011, and inclusion of guidelines on PDA and recommended teaching strategies as part of the national autism standards published by the UK-based Autism Education Trust [3]. Central to this enthusiasm is the sense that identifying PDA features in individuals within the autism spectrum may serve an important clinical function in providing tailored educational and support strategies [6]. The impetus for such work is strong given the very significant behavioural challenge that these individuals present [e.g. 1, 6, 4].

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<https://www.ingentaconnect.com/contentone/bild/gap/2015/00000016/00000001/art00005>

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