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Oh boy, especially by those who do either cannot/ will not understand my perspective & validity of it. Or even appreciate they are guilty of doing what they accuse me of.



By those who will acknowledge my expertise & quality of my work:

“having done an absolutely first class job of summarising all the past literature and perspectives on PDA. No one else has done anywhere near as good, or as thorough, a job as you have.”

Pretend that their experience means more than the academic literature, or other's perspectives on PDA.

Argue that their autism diagnoses are NICE complaint, despite viewing anxiety based RRBIs as social communication issues.

"While such excuses did, at times feel comical, it was always important to remember these were children whose anxiety appeared to be driving their need to be avoidant." (Eaton & Weaver 2020 p35).

While ignoring it is widely accepted that anxiety is not a feature of autism, either in the DSM-5 or in NICE guidelines.

"Anxiety and depressive disorders commonly coexist in autistic people and are associated with poorer health outcomes and quality of life." Adults NICE guidelines. p 39.

"Adolescents and adults with autism spectrum disorder are prone to anxiety and depression." (APA 2013, p55).

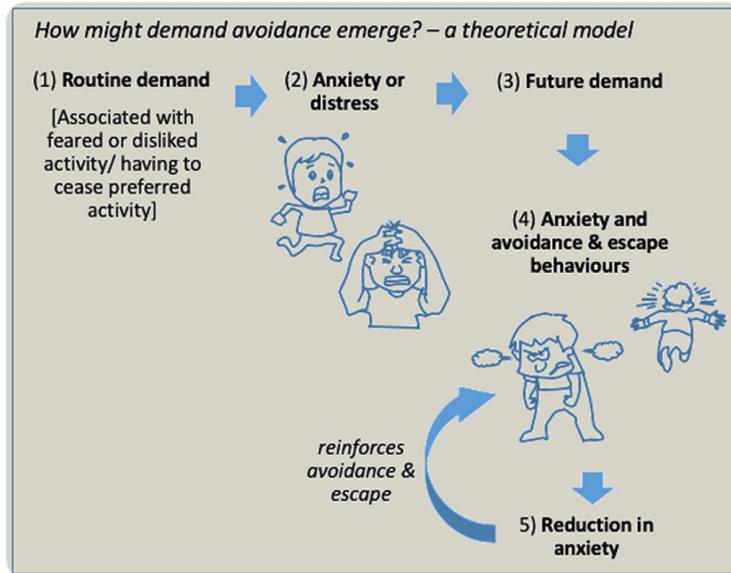
Eg pro "PDA Profile of ASD" literature.

"Adults and adolescents seen at... Some of the co- morbid diagnoses are obsessive compulsive disorder, eating disorders, personality disorders, selective mutism, anxiety and depression." (Gould & Ashton-Smith 2011, p37)

Basically anyone who is remotely competent, clinician or not, should be able to realise diagnosing "PDA as a form of autism" is unlikely to be NICE or DSM-5 compliant

Especially when PDA features are meant to be developed & maintained through a negative reinforcement process, as argued by "PDA Profile of ASD" "experts".

Image from O'Nions & Eaton 2021, p414.



"Consider whether the child or young person may have any of the following as a coexisting condition, and if suspected carry out appropriate assessments and referrals:

Mental and behaviour problems and disorders:

ADHD

anxiety disorders and phobias" CG129 p19.

Above quote is from diagnosing autistic persons in CYP, the NICE guidelines.

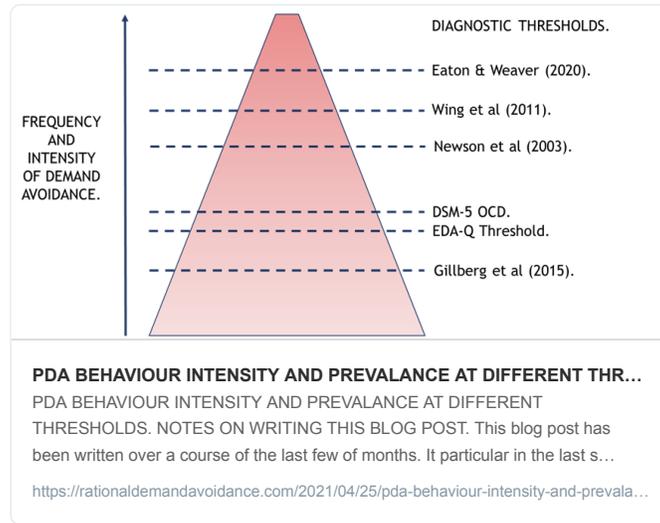
Link is below:

[nice.org.uk/guidance/cg128](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/cg128)

Yet, I am the one who is meant to be mistaken on PDA, and not knowing they are talking about on the topic.

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This blog, notes PDA is seen outside of autism.



I will leave it here.

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Thank you in advance?

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