

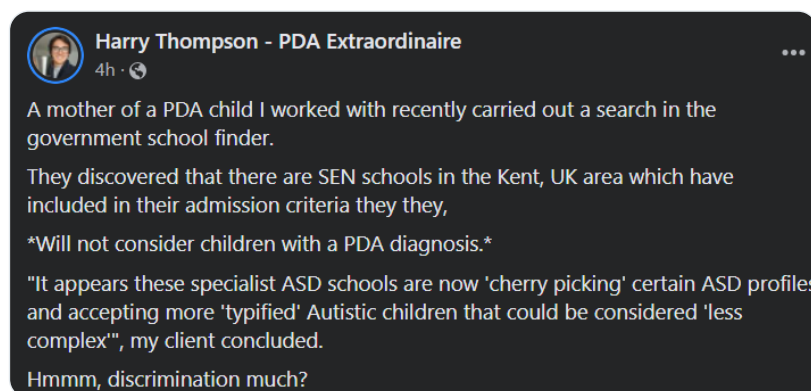


Richard Woods @Richard_Autism

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Harry Thompson raises a concerning point of schools refusing to accept CYP with a PDA diagnosis. I am concerned of Harry's arbitrary & premature claims PDA is a "Profile of autism".

What is the point of a PDA dx, if it does not provide you with educational strategies?



The point about excluding those with a PDA dx, mirrors point made by [@Neurodiversit19](#), who would employ someone who "pathologically" avoids "ordinary" demands? Likewise, who would accept a CYP with a "pathologically" avoids "ordinary" demands?

This matters one of the two main reasons for a PDA dx is it is meant to provide unique educational strategies. What is the point of a PDA dx, if CYP cannot even gain a school placement?

I did respond with:

Or perhaps, they have recognised the absurdity of the notion PDA is a "Profile of ASD"?

The irony of someone who discriminates against non-autistic persons with PDA & ignores most autistic persons preferences for not dividing autism, claiming PDA as a profile of ASD being discriminated against, is not lost on me.



Richard Woods
@Richard_Autism



Replying to @FidgetyF_cker

The pot calling the kettle black.

PDA's clinical need is substantially contested & is a controversial diagnosis. Predictable those given a PDA diagnosis maybe discriminated against, as mentioned elsewhere in thread. CYP are being avoidably victims due to being given a PDA dx.

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"The unequivocal discrimination against a child based on their presentation, diagnosis and disability is the most important issue here"

Coming from person who discriminates against non-autistic persons with PDA due to having prematurely & arbitrarily decided what PDA looks like.

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Equality Act does not care if you view PDA to be a form of autism or not, for a person with PDA to count as disabled...

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I accept it is a tragedy vulnerable persons are being denied an education placement due to PDA. Who fault is it for exposing these vulnerable CYP to be treated this way be aggressively pushing a highly controversial & contested diagnosis, which is not universally recognised?

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Perhaps, Harry you & other prominent "PDA Profile of ASD" supporters should take some time to reflect upon their involvement contributing to the situation.

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 **Harry Thompson**
@FidgetyF_cker

Replying to @Richard_Autism

I think you've missed the point of the post. The unequivocal discrimination against a child based on their presentation, diagnosis and disability is the most important issue here - not how PDA is defined and classified.

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Thank you in advance.

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