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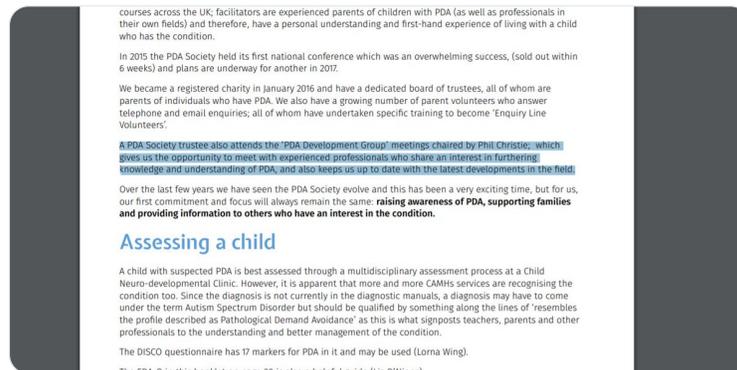
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So reflecting upon a recent claim The PDA Development Group had no agenda to make PDA as an ASD. So assuming many contradictory evidence which suggests there is such agenda is mistaken...

... Was organised enough to have a chair. See screenshot of page 12.

Link here:

<http://www.pdaresource.com/files/pda-awareness-matters-booklet.pdf>



... Produced resources like this:

<https://www.pdasociety.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Good-diagnostic-assessment-children.pdf>

Previous resource is a guide how they think PDA should be diagnosed in autistic persons. Yet it does not address how diagnosing PDA as an ASD seems to contradict NICE guidelines & DSM-5 autism criteria as PDA is meant to be an anxiety based disorder.

... I am still awaiting clarification on how think diagnosing PDA as an ASD, conforms to NICE guidelines & DSM-5 autism criteria as anxiety disorders are recognised to not be part of ASDs in both...

... "representatives from the NAS and PDA Society and individual practitioners with an interest in PDA from a range of disciplines (education, paediatrics, psychology, research) working in both independent and statutory settings."...

... So assuming one accepts that there was no agenda to make PDA as an ASD. It then raises more awkward questions over. Did they consider their actions would contribute towards creating the "PDA profile of ASD" bubble in the UK?...

... "several oversubscribed conferences on the topic since 2011, jointly run by national and regional UK societies for people with autism." O'Nions (2014a, p758)...

The above quote matters when added to the next quote.

... "One of the strengths of the current study was that the data used were collected in 2010 or earlier: for the most part prior to the large peak in interest in PDA and the series of annual conferences on the topic held in the UK." (O'Nions 2016a, p418)...

... "One challenge is that research conducted outside of clinical settings typically relies on volunteer samples of parents, who are often highly motivated and committed to furthering understanding of their child's difficulties." (O'Nions et al 2016b, p2)...

... We know from PDA Development Group's own terms of reference they were responsible for setting the agenda of the NAS PDA conferences during the times mentioned in both O'Nions et al 2014a & O'Nions et al 2016a)...

... That Phil Christie was on the PDA Development Group, & also spoke at some of these conferences which he helped set the agenda of...

... From at least 2015 - 2016 either entirely from PDA Development Group members (unclear if O'Nions/ Happe were a member), or from collaborators with the groups members (Christie co-authored O'Nions 2014a & 2016a)...

... I specifically referring to scholarship from said members, or collaborators with members of PDA development group in 2016 - 2016.

That the actions of the PDA Development Group were in some way contributing to the interest in "PDA Profile of ASD"...

... It gets extra problematic, irrespective of there was an agenda to have PDA recognised as a "Profile of ASD", or not. PDA Development Group was either aware or ignorant its own actions were contributing to the interest in "PDA Profile of ASD"...

... Considering the members of PDA Development Group have generally tried to stay hidden from public knowledge, it would suggest they had something to hide...

... Presently, possible truth seems to fall down on a continuum, with one extreme of: There is/ was an agenda to make PDA recognised as a "Profile of ASD" & they PDA Development Groups members were aware they were contributed to bubble on this notion...

... To the other extreme of:

There is/ was no agenda to make PDA recognised as a "Profile of ASD", & PDA Development Group members were ignorant their actions contributing to the bubble on "PDA Profile of ASD...

... There is a continuum of different combinations between the two extremes.

Being frank, I do not know if any combination of these factors is a good look for those on the PDA Development Group...

... For example, if there was no agenda & there was ignorance of the impact of their contribution towards to bubble on "PDA Profile of ASD", that raises awkward questions about why PDA Development Groups members were ignorant on the impact of their actions?

... I doubt there is a good (or credible) answer to that last question.

Which takes me back to why I am concerned reflecting on this. There does not seem to be good answers to these reflections.

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Thank you in advance.

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