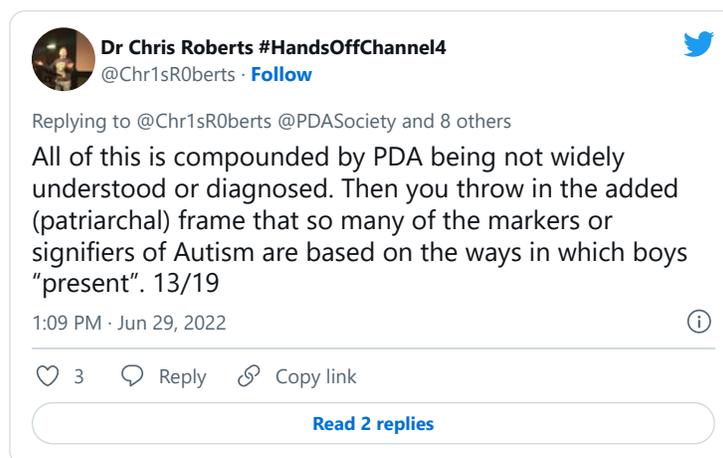




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This is an example of a vulnerable caregiver being misled about PDA & the nature of PDA debates. It is a key reason why I am so passionate about PDA ethics & have substantial concerns over the likes of PDA Society's conduct on PDA.



I am full of sympathy for the caregiver & their family. They are clearly in difficult position & do need adequate support. Yet, portraying PDA as a "Profile of ASD", or a profile at all is hugely problematic & unethical.

Simple fact is if it was ethical to portray PDA as a distinct anything, [@NICEComms](#) [@BPSOfficial](#) [@rcpsych](#) all investigated PDA since 2020, they all concluded there is insufficient evidence to suggest what PDA is & equally respected divergent opinion.

The fact that none of these three independent arbiters of clinical practice produced guidance for PDA tells us that PDA Society's (& those who collaborate with it) to produce guidance on PDA are acting unethically.

It is problematic in that there is no consensus over what PDA is, or what features are associating with PDA, That divergent opinion, generally has some supporting evidence. Even if PDA evidence is small & often poor quality.

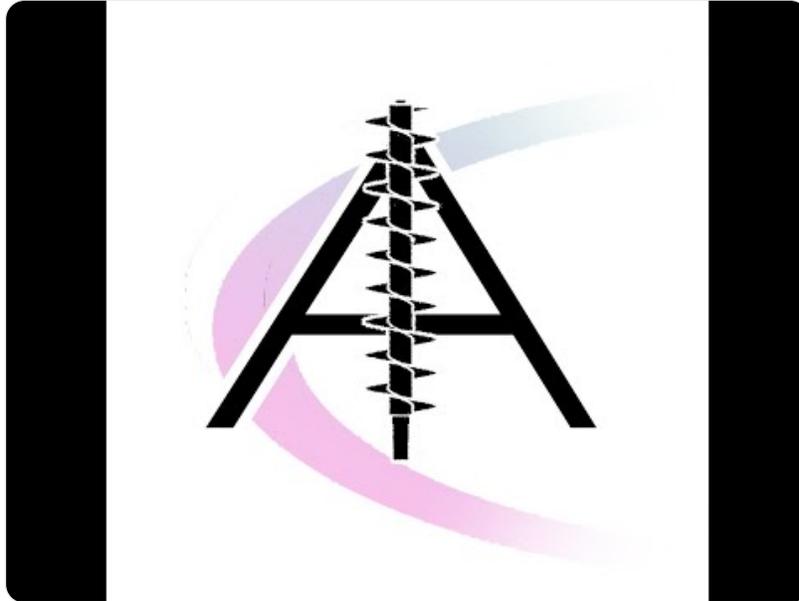
One of these outlooks is that PDA is not a distinct "Profile"/ Disorder, which has multiple studies supporting it, tells us that we need to be restrained in prematurely reifying PDA.

It is also hugely problematic in that it is unlikely that ALL divergent views on PDA (i.e., those different to "PDA Profile of ASD") are not valid, when there is supporting evidence for most of them.

Do PDA Society & others genuinely believe only they understand PDA & only their views will gain supporting evidence?

The inherent risk in this position should be obvious, as anyone can investigate PDA.

It is also hugely problematic when considers the language around PDA, & that it seems not even to help people, i.e., insignificant differences to exclusion rates etc. How some CYP with PDA are being denied an educational placement due to a PDA diagnosis.



<https://www.youtube.com/embed/BAqsf6gUJno>

It is also ethically problematic in terms of what is actually being pathologised in a PDA diagnosis. For example how substantial amount of PDA features are criminal in nature.

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PDA feature examples  
screams, has temper tantrums, scratches, bites, kicks or passively resists,  
fails, screams, hits, kicks in a panic  
tearing up another person's work, pulling off someone's spectacles, taking pants down and urinating on floor,  
injuring someone else's pet animal

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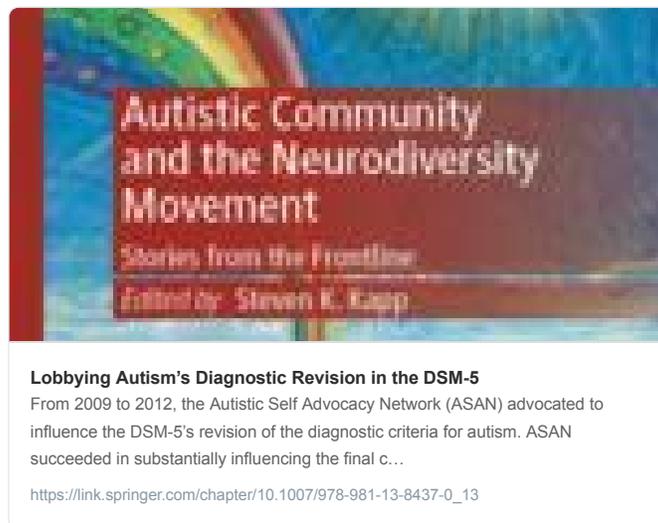
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So ethically, PDA Society (& others) advocating "PDA Profile of ASD" are on "thin ice", as they are pushing something which very well may not help people & may not be distinct profile/ or part of the autism spectrum.

This is especially the case when most autistic persons do not want autism to be divided. Autism subtypes were partly removed from DSM-5 due to lobbying from ASAN.



Below is the link for 11 Revised PDA DISCO questions which contain the criminal behaviours presented previously in the thread. One needs to see table 2.

[https://static-content.springer.com/esm/art%3A10.1007%2Fsoo787-015-0740-2/MediaObjects/787\\_2015\\_740\\_MOESM1\\_ESM.pdf](https://static-content.springer.com/esm/art%3A10.1007%2Fsoo787-015-0740-2/MediaObjects/787_2015_740_MOESM1_ESM.pdf)

This video literally quotes [@NICEComms](#) [@BPSOfficial](#) [@rcpsych](#) position on PDA. Also presents some of the ongoing-historical debates on PDA.

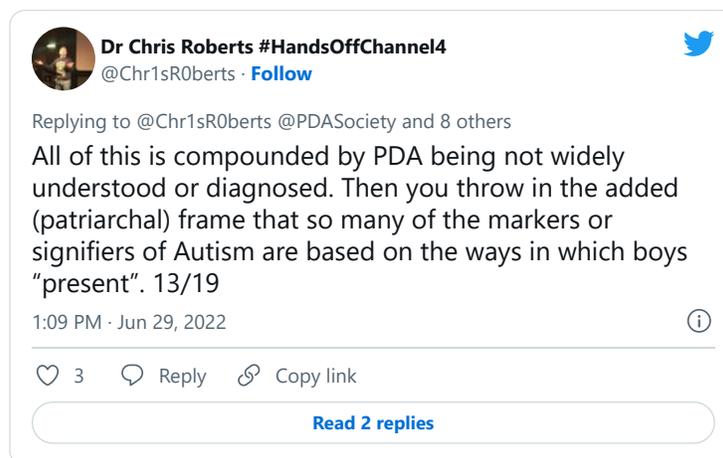


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Also that PDA is highly controversial & "PDA Profile of ASD" supporters are aware of PDA controversies. Yet, still have not provided a robust ethical case for their position on PDA. Why? Probably, because they are aware their position on PDA is unethical!

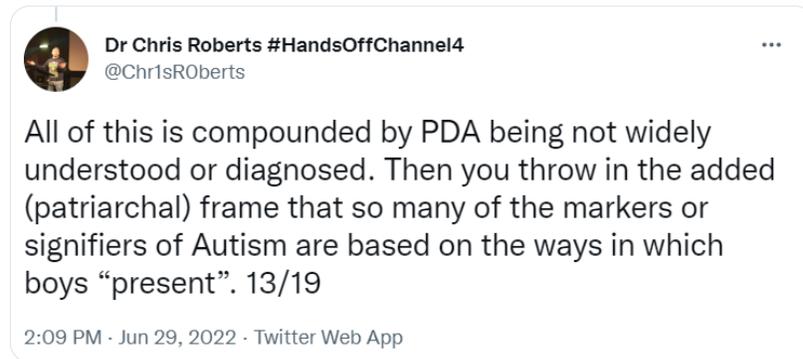
If PDA Society & other "PDA Profile of ASD" supporters had a robust ethical case, they would have made it by now, to strengthen their position considering the many controversies surrounding PDA!

Yet, we have many vulnerable caregivers like [@ChrisRoberts](#) stating that PDA is a thing, that others lack an understanding of PDA, or diagnosed. When it remains to be seen what exactly being understood, & if anything distinct is being diagnosed at all!!!



One can argue vulnerable caregivers like [@ChrisRoberts](#) are being taken advantage by the PDA Society & other prominent advocates of "PDA Profile of ASD".

The ethical issues present should be blatant obvious.



One can easily compare processes involved with "PDA Profile of ASD" are taking advantage of vulnerable caregivers, with how the autism industry controls caregivers.

Yes, I have been triggered by it. That is because the present situation with PDA in the UK, is predictable & avoidable if "PDA Profile of ASD" supporters like, PDA Society acted ethically! [https://www.researchgate.net/publication/359700826\\_Demand-Avoidance\\_Phenomena\\_Pathological\\_Extreme\\_Demand\\_Avoidance\\_As\\_a\\_Social\\_Constru](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/359700826_Demand-Avoidance_Phenomena_Pathological_Extreme_Demand_Avoidance_As_a_Social_Constru)  
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