

Economics of Autistic Spectrum Disorder

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Abstract

Autistic spectrum disorders have a wide range of impacts on individuals with ASD, their families and the wider society. Many of those impacts can be summarised in economic terms, although it must always be remembered that the full set of effects is much broader. The presentation summarised the findings from recent empirical work carried out by the Centre for the Economic of Mental Health at King's College London, Institute of Psychiatry by Martin Knapp, Renee Romeo and Jeni Beecham. The study looked at the current economic impact of ASD in the UK, estimating the overall cost to society of the services used, the impacts on families and the impact on the economy.

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