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Standards

[The Restraint Reduction Network Training Standards 2019](#) The Restraint Reduction Network Training Standards 2019 have been written for training services delivered to education, health and social care services that support people with autism, learning disabilities, dementia and mental health conditions across the UK to continue to reduce the use of restrictive practice effectively.

Guidance

[Autism Alliance - Know Your Rights](#) The Autism Alliance have created a series of downloads intended to inform people of their rights and to provide help during a needs assessment.

Resource

[Autistic young people create resource to tackle loneliness amongst peers](#) Young people from the charity Ambitious about Autism have launched a new resource to help more autistic young people access youth groups and after school activities by providing information and recommendations for those running youth groups or clubs to better understand how to support autistic people.

Briefings

[Autism – overview of UK policy and services](#) This briefing provides an overview of all policies and services for people with autism in England since the Autism Act 2009 was passed 10 years ago. This review will inform a new joint adult's and children's autism strategy due to be published Autumn 2019.

[Autism: assistive technology](#) This House of Lords briefing summaries some of the challenges faced by people with autism and examines how assistive technology can enable independence for people with the condition.

Publications

[Must knows: special educational needs and disability](#) This document from the Local Government Association provides an overview of the responsibilities of councils have in special education provision for children or young people with special educational needs.

[Psychotropic drugs and people with learning disabilities or autism](#) Produced by public health England as part of a programme to reduce the extent of over-prescribing of antipsychotics and antidepressants to people with learning disabilities, autism or both, these documents describe the introduction of an improved system to track prescribing.

Campaign

[Government to launch national autism awareness campaign](#) Autism Together is working with the Department of Health and Social Care and other charities to help formulate plans for a national awareness-raising campaign on behalf of the UK's autism community. The campaign's objective will be to give the public more of an insight into autism as a condition.

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