



# Autism and the Criminal Justice System

**Tuesday 5 October 2010** - Wellcome Collection Conference Centre, London

This unique one-day conference provides practical guidance for criminal justice professionals to discuss best practice and learn key skills and techniques for working with people with autism.

## Featuring:

- › Rt. Hon. the Lord Bradley of Withington, **Author of the Bradley Report**
- › Jenny Talbot, **Prison Reform Trust**
- › Professor Glynis Murphy, **The Tizard Centre, University of Kent**
- › Julian Huppert, **Member of Parliament for Cambridge**
- › Dr Ekkehart Staufenberg, **Broadland Clinic Forensic Service, HPFT Norfolk**
- › Sue Mulcahy, **University of Liverpool**

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## Practical guidance for professionals working with people with autism in the criminal justice system

The Government's **Improving Health, Supporting Justice Delivery Plan**, based on the recommendations made by The Bradley Report, sets out key objectives for ensuring that people with mental health problems and learning disabilities receive improved health and criminal justice support. Therefore, it is vital that the professionals working in the criminal justice system know how to recognise and interact appropriately with people with mental health problems and learning disabilities.

Autism (including Asperger syndrome) is a lifelong developmental disability that affects how a person communicates with, and relates to, other people. It is estimated that around 1 in 100 people in the UK has autism. Therefore, you or your colleagues are likely to come into regular contact with people with the condition, whether as victims, witnesses or offenders. However, autism is a hidden disability and it may not be immediately apparent that the person you have encountered has particular needs.

This key conference from The National Autistic Society will provide you with the essential tools and techniques you need to identify and interact with people with autism. It will provide you with vital information to ensure that you work to consistent standards and have the right information to bring about better outcomes.

The conference will focus on the challenges faced by individuals working across the system and make recommendations as to how you can meet the objectives outlined in the Government's Delivery Plan. It will also discuss joined-up thinking and explore multi-agency approaches, to ensure people with autism are treated consistently and fairly, and that referrals and diversions are made at the right time.

'**Autism and the Criminal Justice System**' will help you to deliver real change in the way we meet the needs of people with autism.

**Register your place before 30 July to take advantage of our discounted early booking rate!**  
[www.autism.org.uk/conferences/cjs2010](http://www.autism.org.uk/conferences/cjs2010)

### About the organisers

**The National Autistic Society (NAS)** is the leading UK charity for people with autism (including Asperger syndrome), their families and the professionals who work with them. We provide information, support and pioneering services, and campaign for a better world for people with autism.

### Attend to:

- discover what you need to be doing to ensure people with autism are always **treated fairly and appropriately**
- hear key information and case studies from **experts in the field**
- choose the stream session which is most **relevant to your work**
- take part in an **interactive workshop**
- **network** with other criminal justice system professionals to benchmark your performance and learn from your peers

### Who should attend?

- Police Officers and Custody Sergeants
- Case Workers and Managers in Youth Offending Teams
- Solicitors, Barristers and other criminal law professionals specialising in cases involving vulnerable clients
- Magistrates and Justices' Clerks
- Advocates and Court Appointed Intermediaries
- Officers in Youth Offender Institutions
- HM Courts Service Officials, particularly anyone responsible for making provisions for vulnerable witnesses and defendants
- Prison Officers and Tutors, Induction Officers, Disability Learning/Liaison Officers
- Probation Officers
- Prison Mental Health In-Reach Teams; other nurses and psychologists responsible for the health and wellbeing of offenders.

### Don't just take our word for it

**Here is what delegates had to say about last year's conference:**

"Very thought provoking conference."

**Stephanie Qadir**, Magistrate - Youth Bench

"Well organised, well informed.  
The quality of speakers was excellent."

**Kees-Jan Speelman**, Mansfield YOT

### Sponsorship, exhibition and networking opportunities

For bespoke sponsorship packages or to exhibit at this event, please contact **Kate Laird** on **020 7923 5734** or email [conference@nas.org.uk](mailto:conference@nas.org.uk)



## Plenary Sessions

08:30 Registration and refreshments

09:30 **Opening address from the Chair**  
**Dr Colin Dale**, National Co-ordinator  
**National Autism Partnership**

09:40 **An overview of autism in the UK and the implications for the criminal justice system**  
**Carol Povey**, Director of the Centre for Autism  
**The National Autistic Society**

10:15 **Identifying autism: why effective screening and assessment is vital across all areas within the criminal justice and penal systems**  
**Dr Ekkehart Staufenberg**, Consultant Forensic Neuropsychiatrist, **Broadland Clinic Forensic Service, HPFT Norfolk**

10:50 Q&A session

11:00 Morning refreshments

11:30 **The Bradley Report: what next?**  
**Rt. Hon. the Lord Bradley of Withington**  
**Author of the Bradley Report**

12:00 Q&A session

### STREAM 1 – Criminal Justice System

12:15 **Improving police capability to engage effectively with people with autism**  
**Angela Smith**, Detective Constable, Protecting Vulnerable Persons Unit, **North Yorkshire Police Force**

12:45 **Interviewing: the ‘whats, hows and watch-outs’ of this acutely stressful situation**  
**Sue Mulcahy**, Centre for Forensic and Investigative Psychology, **University of Liverpool**

13:15 Q&A session

13:25 Lunch

14:20 **Arrest, detention and custody: reducing the risk**  
**Andy Hunt**, Custody Inspector  
**South Yorkshire Police Force**

14:50 **Ensuring victims, witnesses and defendants with autism are treated appropriately by the courts**  
**Representative, Crown Prosecution Service**

15:20 Q&A session

15:30 Afternoon refreshments

16:00 **Workshop session – using case studies and anecdotal evidence for practical sessions**  
**Sue Mulcahy**, Centre for Forensic and Investigative Psychology, **University of Liverpool**

### STREAM 2 – Penal System

12:15 **Effective screening and assessment of prisoners with autism**  
**Professor Karen Bryan**, Speech and Language Therapist  
**University of Surrey**

12:45 **Providing the right support for people with learning difficulties within the penal system**  
**Jenny Talbot**, Programme Manager  
**Prison Reform Trust**

13:15 Q&A session

13:25 Lunch

14:20 **Considering young people and children in the youth justice system**  
**Carly Tutty**, Project Manager  
**Sainsbury Centre for Mental Health**

14:50 **Closing the revolving door of prison sentences for people with autism**  
**Professor Glynis Murphy**, Joint Chair of Clinical Psychology and Learning Disability  
**The Tizard Centre, University of Kent**

15:20 Q&A session

15:30 Afternoon refreshments

16:00 **Workshop session – using case studies and anecdotal evidence for practical sessions**  
**Chris Callender**, Assistant Director (Legal)  
**The Howard League**

## Plenary Sessions

16:35 **Improved multi-agency working and using local services more effectively**  
**Julian Huppert**, Member of Parliament for Cambridge

17:10 **Closing remarks from the Chair**

17:15 **Conference ends**

The NAS reserves the right to make amendments to the advertised conference programme and speakers.

For more information and to register, visit  
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## To make a booking:

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Events Team  
6th Floor, Castle Heights  
72 Maid Marian Way,  
Nottingham NG1 6BJ

## Rates

### Early booking rate

Book by 30 July 2010

### Standard rate

#### Conference rates

£195 + VAT

£225 + VAT

#### NAS Members rate

£110 + VAT

#### Exhibitor Rate

£395 + VAT

For full details of what the exhibitor rate includes, please visit the website:

[www.autism.org.uk/conferences/cjs2010](http://www.autism.org.uk/conferences/cjs2010)

## Please confirm which stream you would like to attend:

### Stream 1

Criminal Justice System

### Stream 2

Penal System

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### NAS membership number:

### Any special requirements

e.g. Access/Dietary/Support/Other?

## How did you hear about this conference?

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## Booking contact

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### Payment

Payment must be received before the conference date. If payment is not received by this time, delegates will be required to guarantee payment by credit card on the day of the conference. Cheques should be in pounds sterling and should be made payable to "The National Autistic Society".

### Cancellations and Refunds

Delegates who wish to cancel their places must do so in writing. If notice of cancellation is received at least 21 days prior to the event, the NAS will refund the full registration fee less £50 administration charge. If notice of cancellation is not received within 21 days prior to the conference, then we regret that no refund can be made.

Substitutions can be made without charge up to 3 days prior to the event.

In the event that the NAS has to cancel the event, delegates will be given as much notice as possible and given a full refund (if paid in full) or a credit note (where payment is not yet made). We regret that we will be unable to compensate delegates for any travel or accommodation costs incurred.

### Overseas Delegates

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