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Systematic Review

A systematic review of person-centred adjustments to facilitate magnetic resonance imaging for autistic patients without the use of sedation or anaesthesia

This systematic review provides an insight into the most widely used reasonable adjustments, which could facilitate MRI scanning of these patients, given the range of their sensory sensitivities and communication preferences and needs. These adjustments include efficient communication, simulation for familiarisation with the environment, distraction techniques, scanbased optimisation to name just a few.

Studies

Young people with autism have higher rates of incarceration

Young people with autism are more likely to be charged with a serious offence and are imprisoned at a similar rate to those without autism, despite lower rates of convictions, according to a study recently published in Autism.

Adult autism diagnoses don't routinely follow other diagnoses in childhood

Most people who are diagnosed with autism in adulthood were not diagnosed with a psychiatric condition during childhood, according to a new study. The result suggests that childhood misdiagnosis cannot explain why some people with autism are identified only later in life. These people may have camouflaged their traits through adolescence, have late-emerging traits or have a different condition similar to autism.

Charter

New Passenger Charter to make journeys easier for disabled people

The government has partnered with disability charity Scope to develop a new Disabled Persons Passenger Charter to ensure disabled people can travel easily and more confidently. The Charter for bus, coach, taxi, private hire vehicle and rail will provide a clear explanation of passengers' rights and bring together a host of information and advice on what to do when things don't go as expected.

News

Prison becomes first to achieve advanced Autism Accreditation

HMP Parc has become the first prison to achieve our advanced <u>Autism Accreditation</u> award, after being recognised as a 'beacon of autism best practice' by our advisers. Since establishing Cynnwys (inclusion in Welsh) – a dedicated unit for autistic people, people with learning disabilities or significant brain injuries – the prison has seen a significant reduction in violence, self-harm, rule breaking, and substance misuse.