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Evidence Synthesis Ireland Fellowship Scheme 2021

Review Identification Form

Review Centre/Group Mentor

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Review title

Supporting children and adults with autism spectrum disorders: an evidence and gap map

Review type

Evidence and gap map

Review details

Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is a developmental disorder that affects communication and behaviour. Although autism can be diagnosed at any age, it is said to be a “developmental disorder” found in between 1 and 2% of the population. The wide range of issues facing people with ASD means that there is no single best treatment for ASD. Systematic reviews of parent training programmes, pharmacological treatments, and behavioural, psychological, and educational therapies have been completed, but to date a comprehensive overview of the state of the evidence in this field has not been provided.

Review current status

Not yet commenced

Any specific/desirable requirements for fellow (e.g. clinical expertise, methodological expertise)

Desirable expertise might include an interest, or practice experience in ASD support. Some experience of quantitative research at MSc level would be beneficial

Estimated start and completion dates

Commencing March 2021. Completing June 2022.