

Title: The Friendships and Emotional Wellbeing of Adolescents with Autism Spectrum Disorder	
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Outline of Research	<p>Previous research indicates that adolescents with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) have different experiences of friendships compared to typically developing adolescents. There is some evidence that adolescents with ASD have fewer and less rewarding friendships than their typically developing peers. The aim of this research is to explore the potential factors that may contribute to these differences, and the implications these differences may have on the emotional wellbeing of adolescents with ASD. We are hoping to recruit 10-20 adolescent (12-18 years of age) males with ASD without an intellectual disorder (each with one of their parents), and 10-20 typically developing adolescent males (each with one of their parents). Participation in the study will require the adolescent and their parent to complete a questionnaire pack, which is likely to take approximately an hour to complete.</p>
Findings to date	N/A
Expected start and finish dates	Start Date = March 2008; Finish Date = March 2010