

Title: Social Functioning and Symptoms of Psychopathology in Adolescents with High-Functioning Autism and Asperger's Disorder	
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Outline of Research	This research seeks to examine links between social functioning and psychopathology. Research amongst typically developing and intellectually disabled populations has found that social skill problems are associated with higher levels emotional and behavioural problems. However, there is little evidence regarding these relationships amongst adolescents with Autism Spectrum Disorders. This study will examine male and female adolescents (12-18 years of age), with diagnoses of Autism and Asperger's Disorder, who do not have an intellectual disability. Standardised measures of social skills and symptoms of psychological illness will be completed by these young people, and their parents and teachers.
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