

Title: The lived experiences of fathers of children with autism	
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Outline of Research	<p>The purpose of this study is to explore how fathers manage and arrange their lives around having children, at least one of whom has a diagnosis of autism, how they see their roles in comparison to the roles of their partners and how they view fatherhood generally. These aims will be achieved through recording fathers' accounts of their involvement with their children. It is hoped that this study will give participants an opportunity to talk about the role they play as parents. Moreover, this project aims to look for common experiences of being a father to an autistic child. Fathers of children aged 6-12 years with autism and who are living with their partners will be asked to attend an interview, which will include questions about their experience of being a father of a child with autism.</p>
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