

Developing Good Practice in Autism and Harmful Sexual Behaviour (HSB)

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Why is there a need for this work?

Growing and disproportionate numbers of autistic or possibly autistic young people in HSB specialist services; in the criminal justice system and in secure prison settings

Over-estimation of risk

Societal fears fueled by the media that autism can equal high risk of violent or sexual offences. Need for proportionate responses which understand autism

Need for Guidance (Carson, 2025, 2026)

Professionals from autism and HSB services feeling disempowered, yet knowledge and skills are transferable

Guidance highlights the similarities and differences with usual HSB practice - It's not the what and how but the why and the who

Need for an individual profile creator (Carson, 2026)

Starting point already creating professional confidence and competence

Will be built on, fine tuned and challenged

