

Autism Spectrum Disorder in children

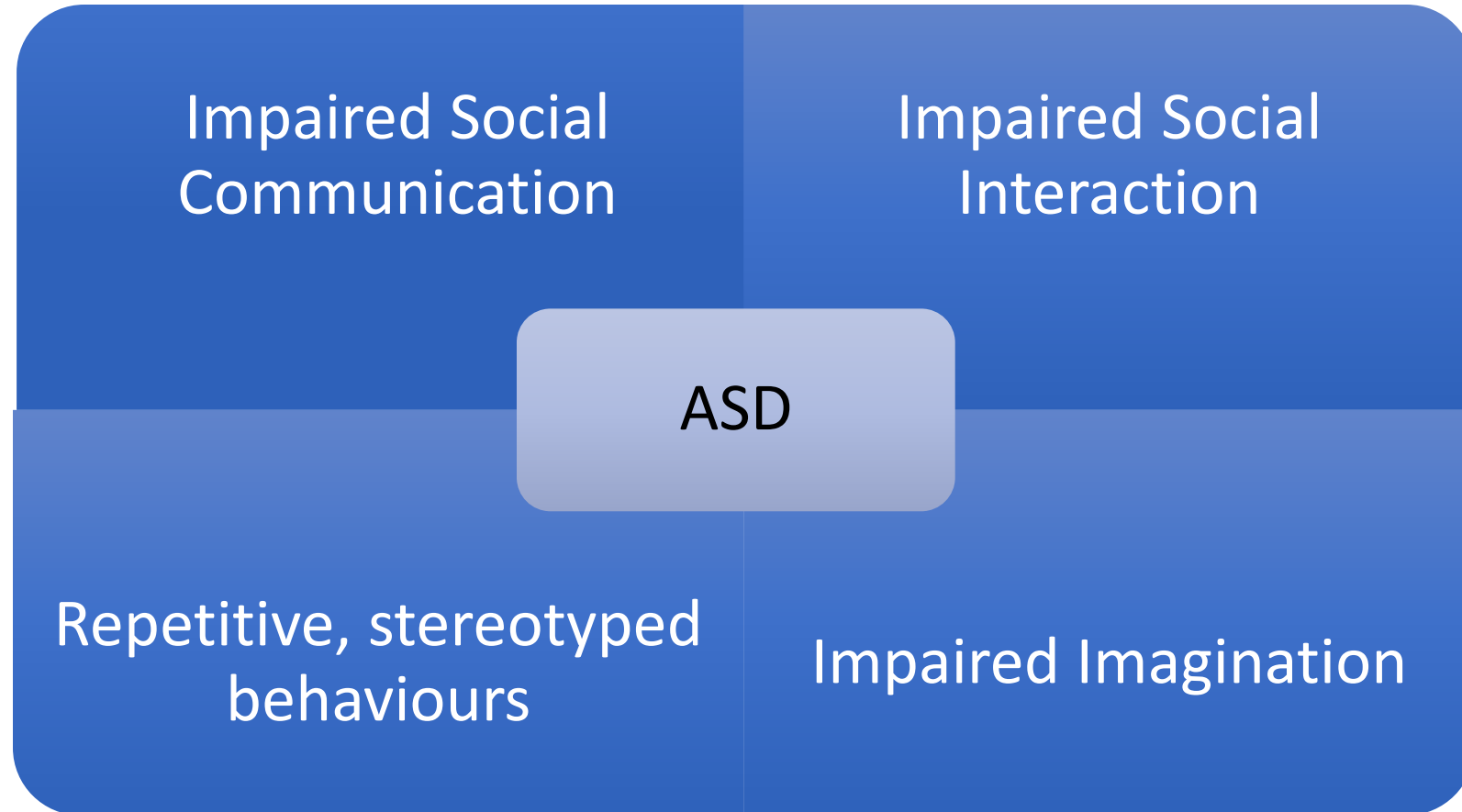
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What's in a name?

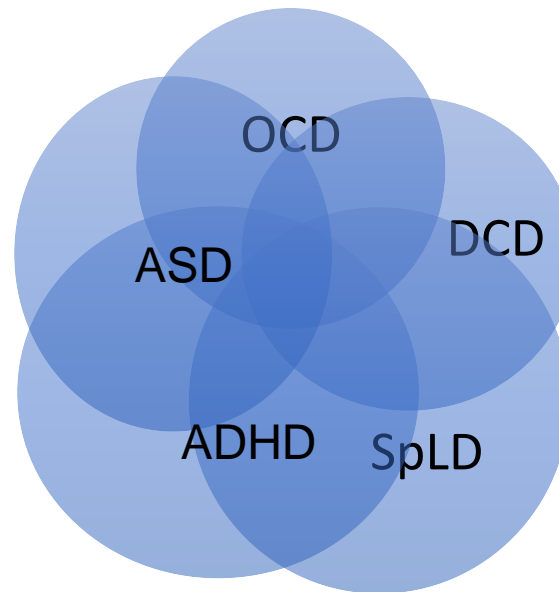
- Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)
 - Autism Spectrum Condition
 - Asperger's syndrome
- ## Autism
- Pervasive developmental disorder
 - Atypical Autism
 - Social Communication difficulties

What is ASD?



Co-existing conditions or symptoms

Genetic disorders
Neurological problems
Pre /Peri /post natal
insults



Sensory sensitivities
Sleep difficulties
Bowel problems
Challenging behaviour

What causes ASD?

- A neurobiological disorder with genetic predisposition found in association with a number of medical conditions
- Heterogeneous and polygenic
- A neuropsychological disorder

Assessment and Diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder

- Guided by NICE Guideline no 128 - Autism spectrum disorder in under 19s: recognition, referral and diagnosis. (Dec 2011, updated 2017)
- Multiprofessional assessment to gather information from different settings, tailored to individual presentation
- Service lead varies across the country

Approaches that can be helpful

- Visual support strategies and structure
- Using concrete rather than abstract concepts
- Preparation for change

- Parental access to Local branch of National Autistic Society and other support groups
- Discussion with school or other setting about support strategies

Thank you

- Any questions