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## Jane Bellwood

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**Jane Bellwood** is a NW Housing Lead for Transforming Care: NHS England. Supporting ICSs with plans for creating pipeline schemes and managing capital developments in line with local needs.



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## Simon Baron-Cohen

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**Simon Baron-Cohen** is a Professor in the Departments of Psychology and Psychiatry University of Cambridge and Fellow at Trinity College, Cambridge. He is Director of the Autism Research Centre in Cambridge. He is author of 5 books: *Mindblindness*, *The Essential Difference*, *Prenatal Testosterone in Mind*, *Zero Degrees of Empathy*, and *The Pattern Seekers*. He has edited scholarly anthologies including *Understanding Other Minds*. He has also written books for parents and teachers including *Autism and Asperger Syndrome: The Facts*. He is author of *Mind Reading* and *The Transporters*, digital educational resources to help children with autism learn emotion recognition, and both nominated for BAFTA awards. He has published over 600 peer reviewed scientific articles, which have made contributions to many aspects of autism research, to typical cognitive sex differences, and synaesthesia research. Three influential theories he formulated were the 'mindblindness' theory of autism (1985), the 'prenatal sex steroid' theory of autism (1997), and the 'empathizing-systemizing' theory of typical sex differences (2002). He created the first UK clinic for adults with suspected Asperger Syndrome (1999) that has helped over 1,000 patients to have their disability recognized. He gave a keynote address to the United Nations in New York on Autism Awareness Day 2017 on the topic of *Autism and Human Rights*. See <http://webtv.un.org/meetings-events/watch/toward-autonomy-and-self-determination-world-autism-awareness-day-2017/5380816054001>

He is a Fellow of the British Psychological Society, the British Academy, the Academy of Medical Sciences, and the American Psychological Association. He is Vice-President of the National Autistic Society, and was President of the International Society for Autism Research (INSAR, 2017-19).



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## Fiona Charnock

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**Fiona Charnock** was a Learning Disability and Autism Social Worker for Stockport Council 2013-22. Recently appointed as Project Manager (Learning Disabilities) by the Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership.



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## Christopher Gillberg

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**Christopher Gillberg** is Professor of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at the University of Gothenburg, Sweden, since the mid-1980s. He heads the Gillberg Neuropsychiatry Centre since 2010. He is also a Chief Physician at the Sahlgrenska University Hospital and one of the world's most experienced, clinically active child- and adolescent psychiatrists, with more than 45 years of extensive clinical work in treatment of patients and families with complex psychiatric/neurodevelopmental problems.

In 1993 he was Fulbright Visiting Professor at New York University Medical School. He is also Visiting or Honorary Professor at the Universities of London, University College London (Institute of Child Health), University of Glasgow, University of Edinburgh, the Pasteur Institute, and Kochi University, Japan (where he is involved with the Japan Environment and Children Study/JECS). In the past he has been a Visiting Professor at Odense, Bergen (where he started and was PI on the Bergen Child Study), and San Francisco.

Christopher Gillberg has published more than 800 peer-reviewed scientific papers (of which 733 are currently on the NIH PubMed website) on autism, Asperger syndrome, ADHD, Tourette syndrome, intellectual disability, epilepsy, behavioural phenotype syndromes, depression, reactive attachment disorder, anorexia nervosa, and other areas relevant for children's and adolescents' mental and neurological health. His research ranges from genetics and basic neuroscience through epidemiology and clinical phenomenology to treatments/interventions and outcome. He has written 36 books, which have been published in more than a dozen languages, several of which are standard textbooks in the field of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Autism. Professor Gillberg is an



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honorary member of the Swedish National Autism Society and ADHD Society ("Attention").

He is a member of the Royal Norwegian Society of Sciences and Letters. He is the recipient of many national and international awards including the Fernström Prize for young researchers (1991), the Royal Medal of the Seraphim Order from the Swedish King (2009), the Söderberg Prize in Medicine (2012), INSAR Lifetime Achievement Award (2016), Psync Award (2016) and SWEDE OF THE YEAR IN MEDICINE (2019). He supervises and has supervised more than 50 PhD students at the GNC and at other universities across the world (including in Norway, Denmark, Scotland, England, Faroe Islands, Japan and South Africa). Christopher Gillberg is the most productive autism researcher in the world and is on Thomson Reuter's 2014 list of the world's most influential researchers (all fields).



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## Aba Graham

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**Aba Graham** Over the past 25 plus years, Aba Graham has tirelessly strived for equality and justice on behalf of the black community in Stockport by advocating and supporting people into various levels of education, employment and life choices. By doing so she has helped well over 500 people and deterred around 25 people from entering into crime. She has done this with limited funding and invested her own money to ensure its maintenance.

Aba has been paramount in educating all sectors of the community providing awareness training, cultural events and building partnerships. She has co-founded EalCO and Nexus as well as established Stockport Race Equality Partnership. Aba is also advising on race equality for the GMP independent advisory group.

Aba is currently a Wellbeing Coordinator supporting 26 community groups to develop their pathway to independence. She is always raising awareness to elevate a conscious mindset. Her experience of equality and justice creates a platform to encourage change through public speaking, engagement, facilitation and research.



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## Eric Hollander

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**Eric Hollander** is a Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine and Director of the Autism and Obsessive Compulsive Spectrum Program, and the Anxiety and Depression Program, at Montefiore Medical Center and the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. Previously he served as the Esther and Joseph Klingenstein Professor and Chair of Psychiatry at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine and was Director of the Seaver and NY Autism Center of Excellence in New York City. Before then he served as Associate Professor of Clinical Psychiatry at the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York.

Dr. Hollander received his B.A. from Brandeis University (1978), and his M.D. from SUNY Downstate Medical College, Brooklyn (1982). He completed his internship in Internal Medicine at Mt. Sinai Hospital (1983), residency and chief resident in psychiatry at Mt Sinai School of Medicine (1986), and his NIMH research fellowship at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons (1988). He has served as an Associate Professor of Clinical Psychiatry at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, and as the Esther and Joseph Klingenstein Professor and Chair of Psychiatry at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine.

Dr. Hollander has served as the principal investigator for a number of federal grants, including the NIH Greater New York Autism Center of Excellence; the NIMH Research Training Grant in Psychopharmacology and Outcomes Research; the



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DOD CBDV in ASD treatment study; and FDA funded multicenter treatment trials of pediatric body dysmorphic disorder, autism and Prader Willi Syndrome.

He was the principal investigator of the autism Clinical Trials Network, and Chair of the eight centers NIH STAART Autism Steering Committee. He is involved in research on the neuropharmacology, neuropsychiatry, functional imaging, and treatment of obsessive-compulsive disorder, impulsive-aggressive disorders, obsessive-

compulsive-related disorders such as body dysmorphic disorder, pathological gambling; Prader Willi Syndrome, and autism. Dr. Hollander served as Chair of the DSM-V Research Planning Agenda for Obsessive Compulsive Behavior Spectrum Disorders, and member of the DSM-V Anxiety, Obsessive-Compulsive Spectrum, Post-Traumatic and Dissociative Disorders Workgroup, and the Behavioral and Substance Addictions Workgroup.



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Dr. Hollander has received a Research Scientist Development Award from the National Institute of Mental health to investigate the psychobiology of obsessive-compulsive and related disorders. He has received orphan drug grants from the Food and Drug Administration to study new treatments for body dysmorphic disorder, child/adolescent autism, and adult autism, and a grant from the National Institute of Drug Abuse for a study on the neurobiology of pathological gambling. He has received several grants from the National Institute of Mental Health, and the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, to develop treatments for borderline personality disorder, adolescent body dysmorphic disorder, and autism; and a grant from the Department of Defense to study CBDV in autism spectrum disorder. Dr. Hollander has received two national research awards from the American Psychiatric Association and a Distinguished Investigator Award from the National Alliance for Research in Schizophrenia and Depression. During his career, Dr. Hollander has published more than 500 scientific publications in the professional



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literature. He has edited 20 books, including autism spectrum disorders (American Psychiatric Publishing, 2017), the Textbook of Autism Spectrum Disorders (American Psychiatric Publishing, 2011), the Textbook of Anxiety Disorders (American Psychiatric Publishing, 2002 and 2009 editions), and the Clinical Manual of Impulse Control Disorders (2006).

Dr. Hollander is listed for the past ten years in NY Magazine's and Castle Connolly's "Best Doctors", and "Best Doctors in America". He has made frequent media appearances on the Today Show and Dateline NBC and has had interviews in People Magazine and the New York Times. He is co-author of a book with Marc Summers, Everything In Its Place: My Trials and Triumphs with Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (Penguin Putnam, 1999) and coauthored with Nick Bakalar, Coping with Social Anxiety: The Definitive Guide to Effective Treatment Options (Henry Holt and Company, 2005).



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## Holly Judge

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**Holly Judge** is a Research Analyst at the National Autistic Society (NAS). She is currently leading on research in partnership with the University of Kent, about young autistic people's experiences or concerns being involved with the UK criminal justice system. She has undertaken a variety of family support service and training evaluations at the NAS, including the new Autism inpatient mental health casework service. Findings from her evaluation 'Impact of LD/ASC specific training for North West National Probation Service (NPS) staff' was presented at the 2019 Offenders with an Intellectual and/or Developmental Disability conference.



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## Will Mandy

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**Will Mandy** is a clinical psychologist and Professor of Neurodevelopmental Conditions at University College London (UCL), where he is joint director of the clinical psychology training course, the largest of its kind in Europe. His work aims to improve the recognition of autism, and to develop new interventions to help autistic people. He has a particular research interest in improving the identification and care of girls and women on the autism spectrum, who are currently at high risk of going undiagnosed and unhelped by clinical and educational services. He also studies sub-diagnostic autistic traits in non-clinical populations, and the role these can play in the development of a range of common childhood, adolescent and adult mental health problems. With colleagues at Great Ormond Street, he has developed and trialed interventions to help children with autism transition from primary to secondary school, and to teach children about their autism diagnosis, with an emphasis on fostering their sense of self-worth and pride.



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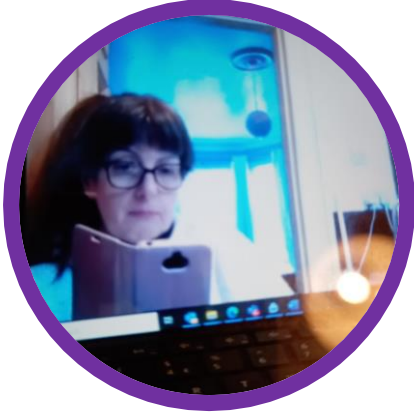
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## Jane Mackenzie

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**Jane Mackenzie** is 62-year-old Autistic woman with an enquiring mind, seeking answers



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## Charlotte Moore

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**Charlotte Moore** is an author and freelance journalist. She has written widely on autism-related issues and has spoken at many conferences and other events. 'George and Sam' her account of life with her autistic sons, is published by Penguin. She lives in Sussex with George and Sam, now both in their twenties, their neurotypical brother Jake, and her partner Simon.



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## Anita Morris

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**Anita Morris**, BSc (Hons), BA (Hons), MSc, MBPsS, Certified Master Behaviour Coach, PhD Researcher (Autism, AAT and Mental Health)

Anita Morris is a psychologist who specialises in animal assisted therapy for autistic children and young people using birds of prey. After a successful career in industry, she retrained as a psychologist studying BSc Applied Psychology and MSc Occupational Psychology at Liverpool John Moores University. Anita then worked as a consultant in leadership and management development specialising in Emotional Intelligence which she combined with lecturing in psychology. A chance meeting with the owner of a local falconry in 2006 unexpectedly changed her life and she now spends her time developing and delivering animal assisted interventions for autistic individuals whilst studying for a PhD. Anita has spoken at a number of national autism conferences, her work has featured in numerous newspaper and magazine articles and a number of short films about her work have been made. In addition to her PhD she is currently working in partnership with an SEN college to develop an accredited course in ethical animal assisted therapy. Anita lives in Cheshire with her husband Steve, two Newfoundland dogs and four owls.



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