

Dr Fiona J Scott BSc (Hons) PhD C.Psychol
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SPECIALIST CONSULTANCY & PROFESSIONAL TRAINING
FOR AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS & ASPERGER SYNDROME

Brief CV – Dr Fiona Scott

**Chartered Psychologist at the Autism Research Centre, University of Cambridge
and Independent Autism Specialist in Private Practice**

Qualifications: Ph.D - Experimental Psychology: Autism
BSc (Hons) 2:1 – Psychology
Chartered Psychologist (No. 38987), with Practising Certificate
Qualified Trainer for, and Trained in the use of the Autism
Diagnostic Interview - Revised (ADI-R)
Qualified Trainer for, and Trained in the use of the Autism
Diagnostic Observation Schedule (ADOS)

Current Research

Interests: A large-scale prevalence and epidemiology study exploring the rates of Autism Spectrum Disorder and Asperger Syndrome in primary school children in Cambridgeshire.

Early development of a screen for detecting Asperger's Syndrome and high-functioning autism in primary-school-age children.

The cognitive development of children with autism spectrum disorders and presentation of social and communication difficulties in toddlers.

Development of a Training Video and Information pack on Asperger syndrome and broad autism spectrum for teachers.

Publications: Scott, F.J. & Baron-Cohen, S. (1996) Logical, Analogical, and Psychological Reasoning in Autism: A Test of the Cosmides Theory. *Development and Psychopathology*, 8, 235-245.

Scott, F.J. & Baron-Cohen, S. (1996) Imagining Real and Unreal Things: Evidence of a Dissociation in Autism. *Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience*, 8, 371-382.

Scott, F.J., Baron-Cohen, S., & Leslie, A.M. (1999) If Pigs Could Fly: A Test of Counterfactual Reasoning and Pretence in Children

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Scott, F.J. (2000) Review of Hale's My World is not Your World. *Autism: International Journal of Research and Practice*, 4, 212-213.

Craig, J.S., Baron-Cohen, S., & Scott, F.J. (2001) Drawing Ability in Autism: A Window into the Imagination. *Israel Journal of Psychiatry*, 38, 242-253.

Scott, F.J., Baron-Cohen, S., Bolton, P., & Brayne, C. (2002) The CAST (Childhood Asperger Syndrome Test): Preliminary development of a UK screen for mainstream primary-school-age children. *Autism: International Journal of Research and Practice*, 6, 9-31.

Scott, F.J., Baron-Cohen, S., Bolton, P.B., & Brayne, C. (2002) Brief Report: Prevalence of Autism Spectrum Conditions in Children aged 5-11 Years in Cambridgeshire, UK. *Autism: International Journal of Research and Practice*, 6, 231-237.

Scott, F.J. (2003) Review of Gillberg's Guide to Asperger Syndrome. *Psychological Medicine*.

Brosnan, M. & Scott, F.J. (2004) Gestalt processing in autism: Failure to process perceptual relationships and the implication for understanding context. *Journal of Child Psychology and Psychiatry*, 45, 459-469.

Scott, F.J. (2004) Review of Frith's Autism: Explaining the Enigma, 2nd Edition. *Psychological Medicine*, 34, 1140.

Williams, J., Scott, F.J., Stott, C., Allison, C., Bolton, P., Baron-Cohen, S., & Brayne, C. (2005) The Childhood Asperger Syndrome Test (CAST): Diagnostic Accuracy. *Autism: International Journal of Research and Practice*.

Baron-Cohen, S., Scott, F.J., Wheelwright, S., Hill, J. & Griffin, R. (in press) Absence of social orienting at 3 months of age predicts autism: a family-genetic single case study. *Journal of Child Neurology*

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Scott, F.J. (in press) *No Looking Back*. In C Ariel (Ed) Essays on Autism. Jessica Kingsley Publishers.

Publications:

Scott, F.J., Stott, C., Willaims, J., Allison, C., Baron-Cohen, S., Bolton, P., & Brayne, C. (under preparation) *Prevalence of autism spectrum disorders in Cambridgeshire: An epidemiological study*. University of Cambridge, UK.

Scott, F.J., Stott, C., Johnson, J., Baron-Cohen, S., Bolton, P., Allison, C., & Brayne, C. (under preparation) *Validity of the ADI-R and ADOS in a population sample*. University of Cambridge, UK.

Scott, F.J., Brosnan, M., & Wheelwright, S. (under preparation) *Perception of Illusions by People with Autism: is there a low-level central coherence deficit?* University of Cambridge, UK.

Johnson, J., Scott, F.J., Stott, C., Allison, C., Bolton, P., Baron-Cohen, S., & Brayne, C. (under preparation) *The Childhood Asperger Syndrome Test (CAST): Reliability and validity*. University of Cambridge, UK.

Consulting & Clinical Experience:

Conducting independent diagnostic assessments of children and adults on the autism spectrum (autism, atypical autism, Asperger Syndrome, other pervasive developmental disorders) using ADI-R, ADOS and other standardised diagnostic tools, plus other private consulting work, advice and information provision on the autism spectrum.

Developing and implementing training courses for SENCO's and teachers working with children on the autism spectrum and with associated learning difficulties, via *Cambridge Psychometrics and Autism Practice*.

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Running support groups for students with Asperger Syndrome with colleagues from CLASS (Cambridge Lifespan Asperger Syndrome Service).

Co-ordinating and running ADI-R (Autism Diagnostic Interview-Revised) and ADOS (Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule) training courses at the University of Cambridge.

Referee and reviewer for several academic journals, including Autism: International Journal of Research and Practice, the Journal of Child Psychology and Psychiatry, Psychological Medicine, Development and Psychopathology, and the British Journal of Developmental Psychology.

Presenting at many national and international conferences and training courses, for academics, parents, and professionals, on the autism spectrum and Asperger Syndrome.

Conferences at which I have spoken include:

- 2005** Autism Spectrum Workshop, Winchester
Autism lecture, Royal Holloway, London
ADOS training course, West London
ADOS training course, Northern Ireland
- 2004** NoRSACA Conference, Nottingham
Psychology teachers training course, Cambridge
Autism PCT training Day, Milton Keynes
PCT Conference on Autism, Hillingdon
International Autism Conference, Wales
Asperger syndrome NAS conference, London
Asperger syndrome NAS conference, Manchester
International Autism Conference, Denmark
- 2003** HAS autism conference, Southampton
Autism conference for GP's, London
Keynote speaker - ATP Conference, Exeter
Asperger syndrome NAS conference, Edinburgh
Autism conference, Hillingdon, London
Conference on Autism and Asperger syndrome, Isle of Wight

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- Keynote speaker* - SENCO Training day on the autism spectrum, Essex
Autism Spectrum training day for Psychiatrists, Edinburgh
Psychology teachers training course, Cambridge
- 2002**
- Nordic Research Seminar on Autism, Gothenburg, Sweden
Keynote speaker - International Symposium on Autism, Toronto, Canada
Keynote speaker - Hampshire Autistic Society Autism presentation, Winchester
CoSSPA Conference on Autism, Birmingham
Paediatric Study Day Autism, High Wycombe
CoSSPA Training Day on Autism, Solihull
Keynote speaker - Teacher Training Course on Autism, Spa School, Southwark
Keynote speaker - SENCO Training Course on the Autism Spectrum, Cambridge
Asperger Syndrome Conference, Regents College London
PACT Autism Conference, Dagenham
Autism and Behaviour Conference, Manchester
- 2001**
- Autism and Behaviour, Imperial College London
Understanding Autism, Derby
Making It Clear: Understanding Autism, London
Asperger Syndrome: Challenges and Strategies, Glasgow
- 2000**
- Autism Conference, Derby
Communicating our Differences: 3 ways of thinking about autism, Marlow
Keynote speaker - Theory of Mind and Autism, Bristol
Autism Conference, London
Aspergers Syndrome Across the Lifespan, London
Keynote speaker - Autism: Mindblindness and Perception, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 1999**
- Aspergers Syndrome: The Challenge for Adult Services, Winchester
Research into Autism, Huntingdon
Autism: Beyond Childhood, Hampshire
Keynote speaker - The Autistic Spectrum, Hillingdon Autistic Care & Support, London

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1998 Latest Research in Autism, Oxford
Keynote speaker - The Autistic Spectrum, HACS, London

Membership of many expert panels and groups, including:

Current & Ongoing

Member of the South Cambridgeshire Autistic Spectrum Project group, meeting to discuss autism provisions and policies in Cambridgeshire.
Expert scientific advisor to Alexander Harris solicitors.

2002-2003

Invited specialist with the National Initiative for Autism Screening and Assessment (NIASA).
Expert participant in All Party Parliamentary Group for Autism (APPGA).
Member of the Review Group for the Medical Research Council Review of Autism Research commissioned by the Department of Health.

2001

Expert participant in All Party Parliamentary Group for Autism (APPGA)

2000

Invited expert presenter at the launch of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Autism, House of Commons, London.

1999

Invited consulting specialist on the Department of Health commissioned workshop and policy drafting on "Asperger's Syndrome: An overview of current issues surrounding the diagnosis, management and treatment of children and adults with this syndrome", Cambridge.

Media Experience:

2004

Expert participant on *Action! Autism* hour long debate, The Community Channel.

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- 2003** Consultant and presenter for developing new training video and documentary on Asperger syndrome.
Expert on *BBC Radio 4 'File on 4'* programme on Mercury in vaccines and the autism epidemic.
Expert on *BBC Radio 4 'More or Less'* programme on autism.
Expert presenter on *BBC 5* documentary on adults with autism.
- 2002** Consultant and presenter for *BBC 'Human Instinct'* series.
Expert on live *BBC Radio 4 'Today'* programme.
- 2001** Consultant and participant for *BBC Panorama* programme on autism.
Expert presenter on live *BBC Radio 4* Autism programme.
Expert presenter on *BBC Radio 4* Autism Documentary.
Consultant and presenter on *BBC Radio 4 'Human Development'* series.
- 2000** Expert presenter on live *BBC Radio Cambridge* autism programme.
Consultant and presenter on *BBC News 24* autism report.
Consultant and presenter on *Sky News* autism documentary.
- 1999** Consultant and presenter for *BBC World Service* autism documentary.
Expert presenter on *Anglia Television* regional news report on autism.

I also interview and provide consultancy regularly for National newspapers in relation to several articles and features on autism and Asperger syndrome between 1999 and present. These newspapers include:

The Times	The Guardian
The Sunday Times	The Independent
The Telegraph	The Sunday Telegraph
The Daily Mail	The Mail on Sunday
The International Herald Tribune	
The Los Angeles Time	
Cambridge Evening News	

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