

If the person you are dealing with
carries a card like this or has a keyring like this



They have a medical diagnosis of **autism** or **aspergers syndrome** and should be treated as a vulnerable person as defined by PACE (1984)

They may show the following

- Extreme anxiety due to being in an unfamiliar situation
- Unusual or threatening behaviour
- They may speak in a monotone or repeat words and phrases back to you
- They may have sensory issues and react to noise, lighting, smells and touch
- They may appear to understand what you are saying, but their social communication difficulties will mean that their perception is different to yours
- They decode words literally and will not understand abstract language

You will find detailed information about how best to deal with this person at
www.cheshireautism.org.uk/attentioncard

Attention Card

Autism Code



To help someone with
Autism Spectrum Condition
explain themselves

To apply telephone ChAPS on 0344 850 8607
or download an application form
You will need to provide evidence of medical diagnosis

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