

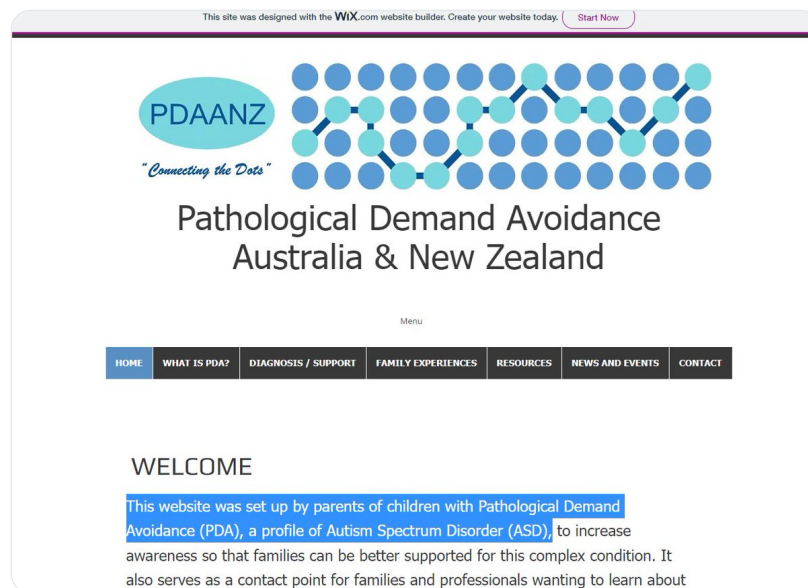


Richard Woods @Richard_Autism

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[@Theautisticedu1](#) [@Neurodiversit19](#) You have just referred me onto a website which has been set up by persons who have been misled on the topic.

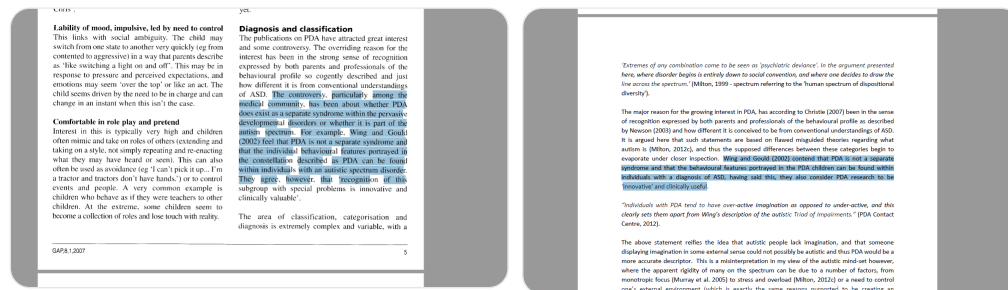
"This website was set up by parents of children with Pathological Demand Avoidance (PDA), a profile of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD),"



[@Theautisticedu1](#) [@Neurodiversit19](#) I do not know who told you that, but respected arbiters of clinical practice in the UK have not accepted PDA as a "Profile of ASD". There is has been academic debate over what PDA since 2002, which was started by Lorna Wing.

[@Theautisticedu1](#) [@Neurodiversit19](#) The evidence base over what PDA is contradictory, with some evidence suggesting it is seen in non-autistic persons, which supports expert opinion on the topic.

[@Theautisticedu1](#) [@Neurodiversit19](#) These are screenshots of Wing & Gould's 2002 critique is not a distinct entity mentioned in Christie 2007, & Milton 2013.



[@Theautisticedu1](#) [@Neurodiversit19](#) "Currently, there does not seem to be clear rationale to make EDA a separate sub-division of autism, given the removal of clinical subtypes such as Asperger's syndrome from the DSM-5 (Green et al., 2018)." White et al 2022, p7.

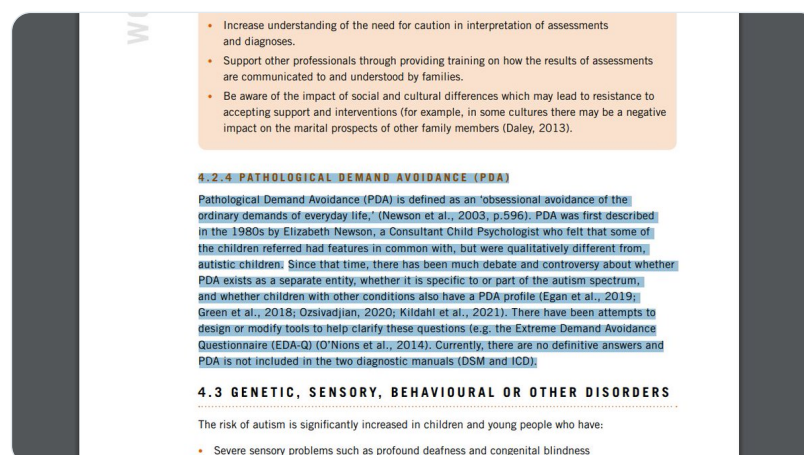
[@Theautisticedu1](#) [@Neurodiversit19](#) "In practice, it seems that clinicians are identifying a difference between the two which does not seem to be translating into research." (White et al 2022, p7).

[@Theautisticedu1](#) [@Neurodiversit19](#) "Unlike psychiatric comorbidities and adaptive behaviour, PDA was not discriminating. Our results are therefore in agreement with the authors who questioned the validity of PDA as a distinct entity [41]." Schneider et al 2022, p8.

[@Theautisticedu1](#) [@Neurodiversit19](#) "There is debate as to whether this behavioural profile is a variant of autism (and specific to it), whether it might be seen in other conditions, or whether it is a condition in its own right (Green et al., 2018)" From [@rcpsych](#). Berney et al (2020, p31).

[@Theautisticedu1](#) [@Neurodiversit19](#) [@rcpsych](#) Link to Berney et al 2020.
https://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/docs/default-source/improving-care/better-mh-policy/college-reports/college-report-cr228.pdf?sfvrsn=c64e10e3_2

[@Theautisticedu1](#) "Since that time, there has been much debate and controversy about whether PDA exists as a separate entity, whether it is specific to or part of the autism spectrum, and whether children with other conditions also have a PDA profile" Howlin et al 2021, p18. From [@BPSOfficial](#)



[@Theautisticedu1 @BPSOfficial](#) Link to Howlin et al (2021).
<https://www.bps.org.uk/sites/www.bps.org.uk/files/Policy/Policy%20-%20Files/Working%20with%20autism%20-%20best%20practice%20guidelines%20for%20psychologists.pdf>

[@Theautisticedu1 @BPSOfficial](#) "Disagreement remains about whether pathological demand avoidance should be recognised as a distinct diagnosis. Some topic experts considered that appropriate recognition of coexisting conditions and individualised management strategies are sufficient." [@NICEComms](#) 2021, p47.

[@Theautisticedu1 @BPSOfficial @NICEComms](#) Screenshots are pages are pages in the [@NICEComms](#) document discussing PDA.

Link to below to NICE's review of autism related evidence.

<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/cg128/documents/surveillance-review-proposal>



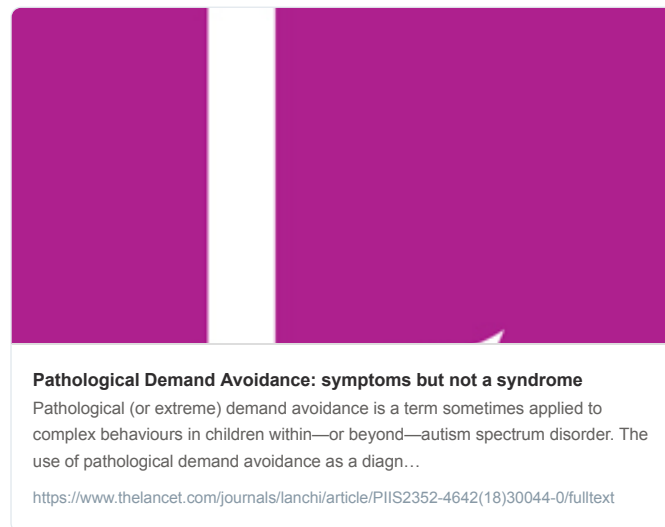
[@Theautisticedu1 @BPSOfficial @NICEComms](#) "research examining PDA has been hampered by problems concerning definition, construct validity and measurement. Consequently, evidence that PDA is either a separate disorder or constitutes a stable subtype or trait in autistic individuals is currently lacking." [@ArvidNK](#) et al p12

[@Theautisticedu1](#) Link below to open access Kildahl et al 2021:
<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/13623613211034382>

[@Theautisticedu1](#) Here is a link to someone questioning if PDA is a form of Attachment Disorder
<https://thepsychologist.bps.org.uk/volume-29/january-2016/pda-there-another-explanation>

[@Theautisticedu](#) "Pathological (or extreme) demand avoidance is a term sometimes applied to complex behaviours in children within—or beyond—autism spectrum disorder." Green et al (2018a), first sentence of abstract.

Link to article below:



[@Theautisticedu](#) "all four had cognitive impairment (IQ < 85) and met DSM-IV-TR criteria for ADHD. Three, in addition, met criteria for ASD and Developmental Coordination Disorder (DCD) and two for Oppositional Defiant Disorder (ODD)." Reilly et al 2014 abstract.

One nona-autistic CYP with PDA.

[@Theautisticedu](#) Link to Reilly et al (2014).

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0891422214003461?via%3Dihub>

[@Theautisticedu](#) Screenshot's of participant info from Chapter's 5 & 8 Study's from Liz O'Nions thesis, p226 & 176. You should see one non-autistic CYP with attachment disorder. 23% of Conduct Problem CYP group have a PDA diagnosis.

There are multiple studies with non-autistic persons with PDA.

Table 9-18: Demographic, questionnaire and observational data for participant groups

	PDA (n=15)	ASD (n=15)	ODD (n=15)	Control (n=15)
Age	10.4 (2.2)	10.4 (1.6)	13.2 (2.1)	11.3 (1.6)
% males	66.7	66.7	66.7	66.7
Parent educational level	3.5 (1.7)	3.5 (2.3)	2.2 (1.8)	3.5 (2.3)
IQ	101 (14)	101 (22)	94 (21)	113 (15)
ASD in (%)	0	100	0	0
ASD-trait (%)	73	100	0	0
ODD in (%)	0	0	100	0
ODD-trait (%)	0	0	100	0
ADHD in (%)	0	0	0	0
ADHD-trait (%)	0	0	0	0
Conduct problems ^a	0	0	0	0
Emotional symptoms ^a	0	0	0	0

[@Theautisticedu1](#) The information presented in this thread, is by & large referenced in this video discussing PDA ethics below:



<https://www.youtube.com/embed/BAqsf6gUJno>

Considering, I already shared this video, it begs the question: Have you watched it & taken it seriously?

[@Theautisticedu1](#) I can go on providing evidence to substantiate my comments on PDA, as try to route my claims in literature & broader research & practice standards...

[@Theautisticedu1](#)



<https://www.youtube.com/embed/xFiUWN3y9ho>

[@Theautisticedu1](#) I do wonder who has actually misled you & the parents behind the this website on the nature of PDA?

pdaanz.com

[@Theautisticedu1](#) [@threadreaderapp](#) please could you unroll?

Thank you in advance.

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