

# ABOUT AUTISM AND COMPLEX COMMUNICATION NEEDS

Complex communication needs is a broad term, which describes learners with difficulties understanding speech, using speech or with little or no speech. The numbers of how many learners have both a diagnosis of autism and complex communication needs is not clear, however up to 25% of Autistic students do not use speech to communicate. This means communication differences are 'a core characteristic of Autism' (Chan, 2022).

Each learner living with autism

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