

A case study: Jade

Diagnoses:

Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD)
Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD)
Oppositional Defiance Disorder (ODD)
Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)
Reactive Attachment Disorder (RAD)
Sensory Integration Disorder (SID)

Jade is placed in a mainstream secondary school with access to a Specialist Unit for students with Asperger's Syndrome for ½ hour per day plus 2 – 3 specialist therapy sessions per week.

Strengths include:

Being keen to learn, when she is able to complete tasks.
Enjoying school, Drama, French, History, English, Dance and Gymnastics; good general knowledge.

Difficulties include:

Conduct problems
Hyperactivity
Social interactions with peers
Distractibility
Maths (particularly abstract concepts)
Spatial awareness
Poor short term memory
Impulsivity – putting herself and others in danger
Poor understanding of cause and effect