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**“Autism is not a disability
it’s a different ability”**



Autism Awareness

Autism Awareness Day is observed every year on April 2nd across the world.

World Autism Awareness Day (WAAD) aims to put a spotlight on the hurdles that people with autism and others living with autism face every day. As a growing global health issue owing to its increasing exposure in the press and common knowledge, autism is an issue that is only gaining understanding.

What is Autism?

Autistic people may act in a different way to other people for example Autistic people may:

- find it hard to communicate and interact with other people
- find it hard to understand how other people think or feel
- find things like bright lights or loud noises overwhelming, stressful or uncomfortable
- get anxious or upset about unfamiliar situations and social events
- take longer to understand information
- do or think the same things over and over.



Autism is not an illness. Being autistic does not mean you have an illness or disease. It means your brain works in a different way from other people. It's something you're born with. Signs of autism might be noticed when you're very young, or not until you're older. If you're autistic, you're autistic your whole life. Autism is not a medical condition with treatments or a "cure". But some people need support to help them with certain things.

Autistic people can live a full life. Being autistic does not have to stop you having a good life. Like everyone, autistic people have things they're good at as well as things they struggle with. Being autistic does not mean you can never make friends, have relationships or get a job. But you might need extra help with these things.

Autism is different for everyone. Autism is a spectrum. This means everybody with autism is different. Some autistic people need little or no support. Others may need help from a parent or carer every day.

Always
Unique
Totally
Interesting
Sometimes
Mysterious



There are other names for autism used by some people, such as:

Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is the medical name for autism.

Asperger's (or Asperger syndrome) is used by some people to describe autistic people with average or above average intelligence. (NHS.UK)

You can learn more here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/autism/what-is-autism/>

Did you know?



The number 2024 in Roman numerals is written as MMXXIV?



There are no active volcanoes in UK.

Fordwich is the smallest town in UK. It has around 400 residents.



General elections



A general election is an opportunity for people in every part of the UK to choose their MP. This person will represent a local area (constituency) in the House of Commons for up to five years. There is a choice of several candidates in each constituency. Some will be the local candidates for national political parties. The candidate that receives most votes becomes their MP.

When is the next general election?

The date of the next general election has not yet been announced. The Dissolution and Calling of Parliament Act 2022 revived the power of the monarch to dissolve Parliament, at the request of the Prime Minister of the day.

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When is the latest that the next general election could be held?

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Polling Day would be expected to take place 25 days later, not counting weekends or any bank holidays that fall within this period.

When was the last general election?

The date of the last general election was 12 December 2019.

Do general elections have to be held on Thursdays?

There is no statutory requirement for parliamentary elections to be held on Thursdays; by law, they can be held on any weekday. However, using Thursdays has become an election convention. Since 1935 every general election has been held on a Thursday.

The Fixed-term Parliaments Act 2011 specified that elections should ordinarily take place on 'the first Thursday in May', but this Act has now been repealed. (gov.uk)

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A day in the life on a cruise ship...



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Cruise Ship Careers

There are many different jobs on a cruise ship - below is a small selection.

- Deck Crew
- Cabin Stewart
- Engineer
- Casino Staff
- Entertainment
- Deck Hand
- Stage Crew
- Personal Trainer
- Nurse
- Chef
- Massage Therapist



Life for employees who work on cruise ships, such as chefs, waiters, and other hospitality staff, can be quite different from that of a typical land-based job. They usually work long hours, often 10-12 hours per day or more, and often for extended periods, up to 6-8 months at a time, without a break.

The work is demanding, and employees must be able to adapt to working in a fast-paced, high-pressure environment. However, the experience can be rewarding, as cruise ship employees often get to travel to different parts of the world and meet people from all walks of life.

When the cruise ship is not in operation, many employees continue to work onboard performing maintenance and cleaning duties, as well as training for upcoming cruises. Some may also take the opportunity to explore the local area, depending on where the ship is docked.

During their time off, employees may take advantage of onboard amenities such as the gym, pool, or entertainment options. Some may also participate in organized activities or excursions organized by the cruise line.

Overall, working on a cruise ship can be a unique and challenging experience, but it can also provide opportunities for personal and professional growth, as well as the chance to see the world.

You can find out more about the careers listed or further careers here;

<https://www.allcruisejobs.com/>



Cyber Flashing

Is cyber flashing illegal?

The Online Safety Act, which came into effect in January, made cyber flashing a crime in England and Wales.

The Act also introduced new rules against sharing 'deepfake' nudes - images that have been manipulated or created with artificial intelligence - and 'down-blousing' - taking a photo down a woman's top without her consent.

People can be convicted if their unwanted images cause the victim alarm, distress or humiliation.

Those found guilty could be put on the sex offenders register, fined or jailed for up to two years.

Cyber flashing has been illegal in Scotland since 2010.



"Cyberflashing is a serious crime which leaves a lasting impact on victims, but all too often it can be dismissed as thoughtless 'banter' or a harmless joke," Hannah von Dadelzsen, Deputy Chief Crown Prosecutor for the Crown Prosecution Service East of England, said in a statement.

What is cyber flashing?

The term refers to a form of sexual harassment where someone sends unsolicited sexual or nude images on social media, or through tools such as Bluetooth or AirDrop.

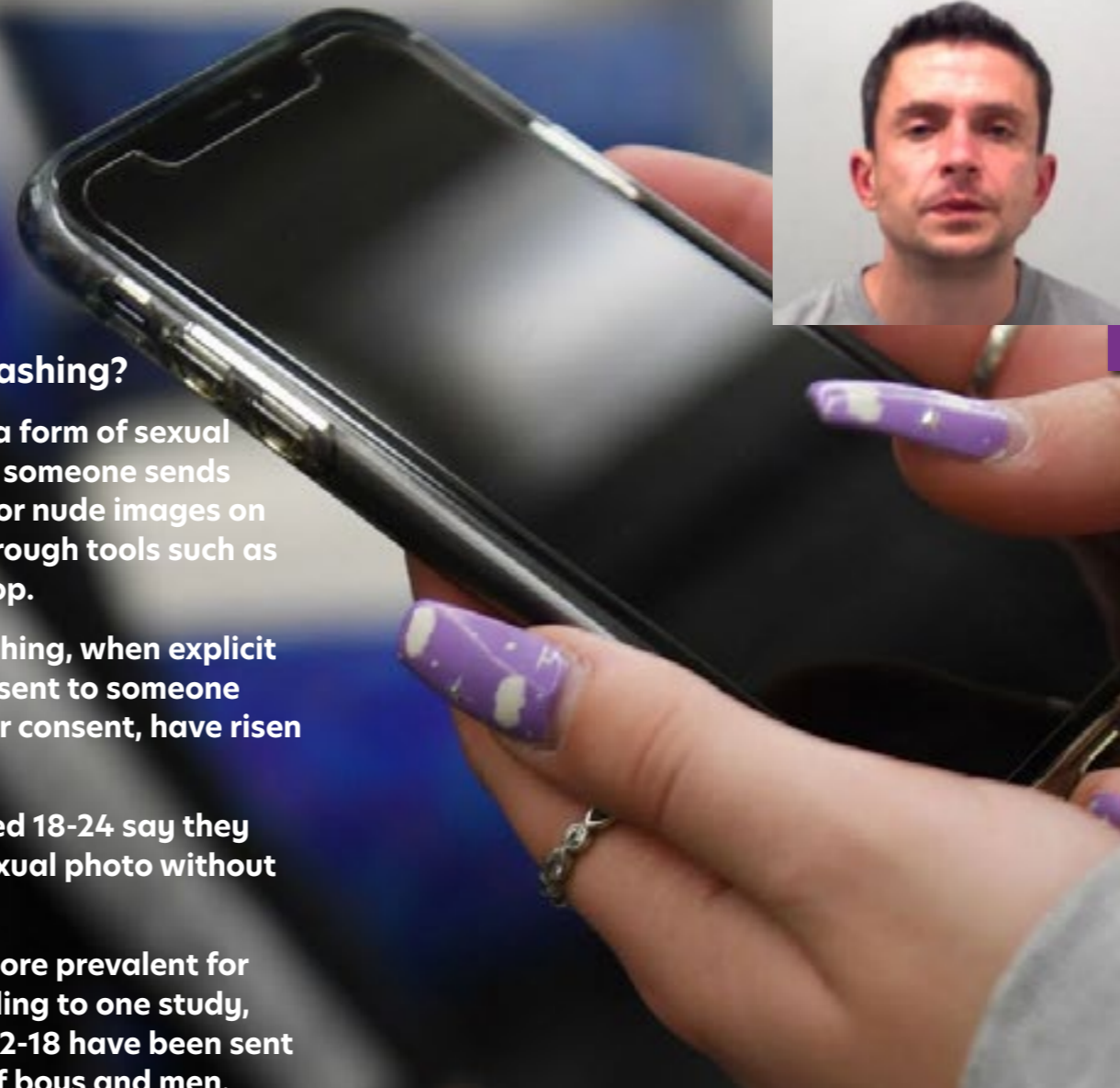
Cases of cyber flashing, when explicit sexual images are sent to someone online without their consent, have risen in recent years.

48% of women aged 18-24 say they have received a sexual photo without consent.

The issue is even more prevalent for teenagers - according to one study, 76% of girls aged 12-18 have been sent unwanted nudes of boys and men.

According to the UK Government website, the practice of cyber flashing "typically involves offenders sending an unsolicited sexual image to people via social media or dating apps." This can also be over data sharing services such as Bluetooth and Airdrop.

"Just as those who commit indecent exposure in the physical world can expect to face the consequences, so too should offenders who commit their crimes online; hiding behind a screen does not hide you from the law," she said."



A 39-year-old man has become the first person to be jailed in England under a new "cyberflashing" law that came into effect this year.

He received 52 weeks for "cyberflashing" which became a crime on January 31 after the Online Safety Act became law late last year.

Find out more here

<https://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/ask-the-police/question/Q989>



Help and Support

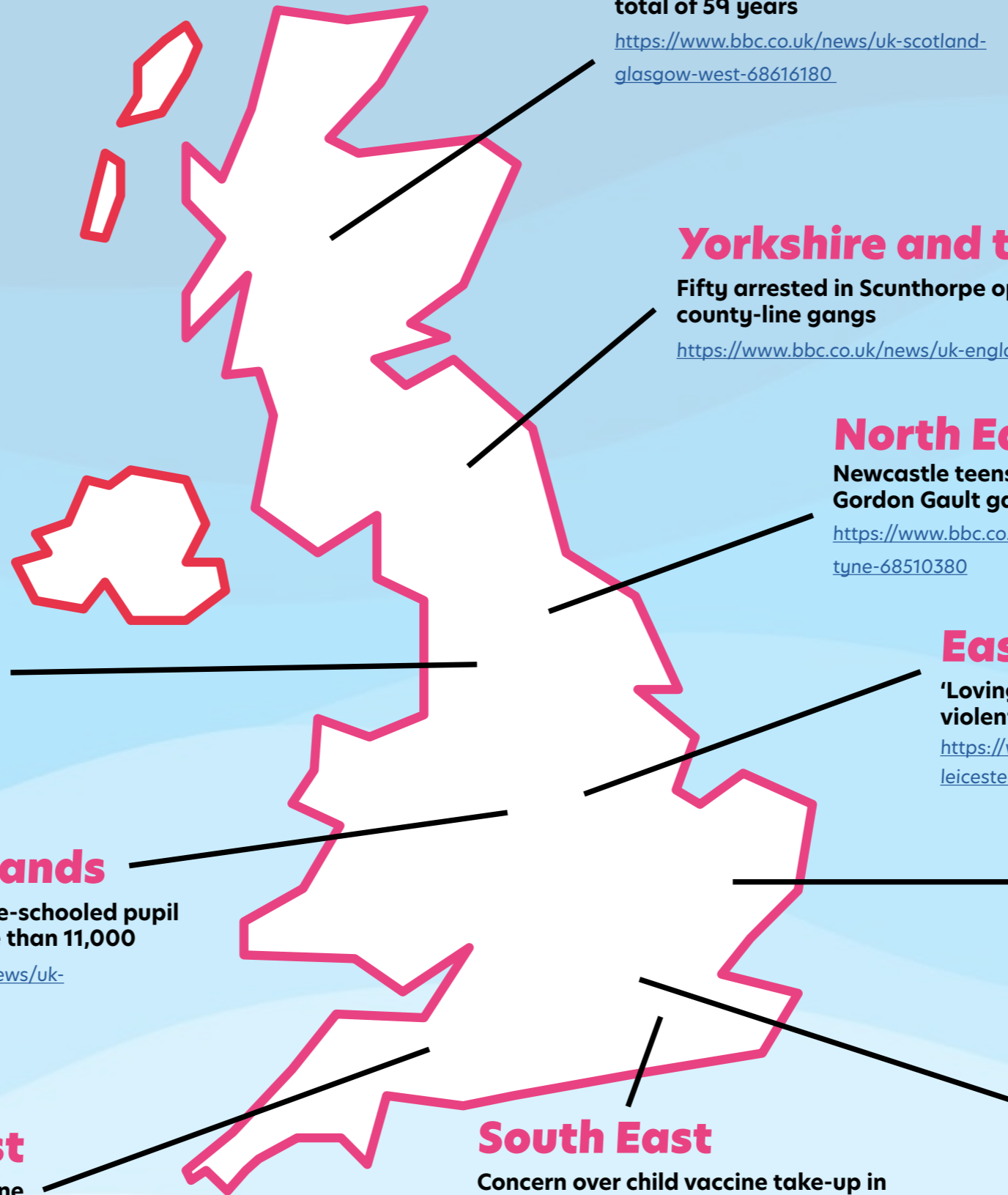
One of the simplest ways to protect yourself from cyber flashing from a stranger is to change the AirDrop or Bluetooth settings on your phone.

If you receive an unwanted sexual image while travelling on public transport, British Transport Police advice is to screenshot the photo and then contact them on 101, or via text on 61016.



Safeguarding

What's happening in your area?

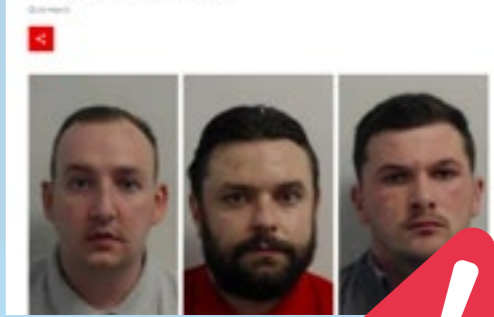


Scotland

Drug debt murder gang jailed for total of 59 years

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-glasgow-west-68616180>

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Yorkshire and the Humber

Fifty arrested in Scunthorpe operation against county-line gangs

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-humber-68604654>

North East

Newcastle teens jailed for Gordon Gault gang killing

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-tyne-68510380>



East Midlands

'Loving and caring' man died after violent Leicester attack

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-leicestershire-6865415>

East of England

Cyber-flashing convict is first to be jailed under new law

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-essex-68543605>

London

Unknown London rapist 'highly likely' to have more victims

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-68692272>



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North West

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<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-merseyside-68632148>

West Midlands

West Midlands home-schooled pupil numbers reach more than 11,000

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-68318287>



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South West

Bristol gang jailed for £4.5 cocaine conspiracy in South West

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-bristol-68609525>



South East

Concern over child vaccine take-up in South East

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c13dljrg70go>

Alcohol Misuse

Alcohol misuse is when you drink in a way that's harmful, or when you're dependent on alcohol. To keep health risks from alcohol to a low level, both men and women are advised not to regularly drink more than 14 units a week.

A unit of alcohol is 8g or 10ml of pure alcohol, which is about:



A single small shot measure (25ml) of spirits (25ml, ABV 40%)



Half a pint of lower to normal-strength lager/beer/cider (ABV 3.6%)



A small glass (125ml, ABV 12%) of wine contains about 1.5 units of alcohol.

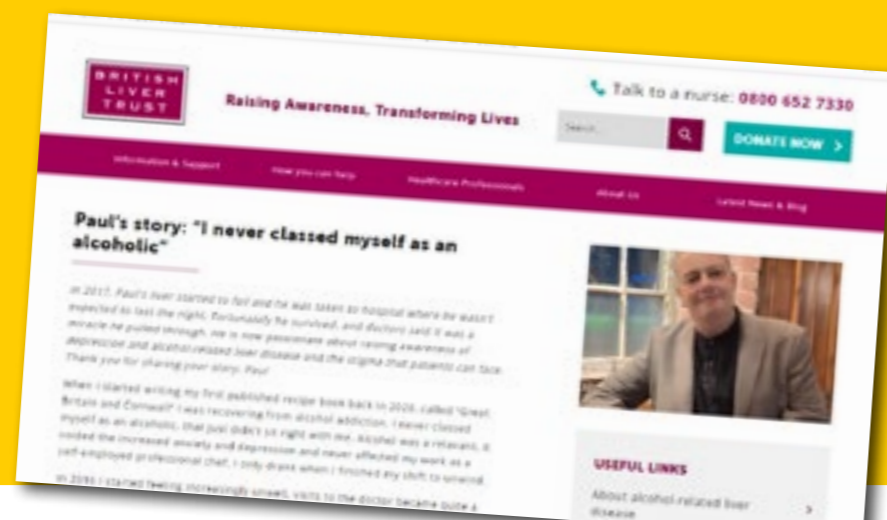
Low-risk drinking advice

To keep your risk of alcohol-related harm low:

- men and women are advised not to drink more than 14 units of alcohol a week on a regular basis
- if you drink as much as 14 units a week, it's best to spread this evenly over 3 or more days
- if you're trying to reduce the amount of alcohol you drink, it's a good idea to have several alcohol-free days each week
- if you're pregnant or trying to become pregnant, the safest approach is to not drink alcohol at all to keep risks to your baby to a minimum.

Read Pauls story here

<https://britishlivertrust.org.uk/information-and-support/support-for-you/your-stories/pauls-story-i-never-classed-myself-as-an-alcoholic/>



Help and Support

<https://www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/find-alcohol-addiction-support-services/>

Drinkline is the national alcohol helpline. If you're worried about your own or someone else's drinking, you can call this free helpline in complete confidence. Call 0300 123 1110 (weekdays 9am to 8pm, weekends 11am to 4pm).

<https://www.alcoholics-anonymous.org.uk/>

If someone loses control over their drinking and has an excessive desire to drink, it's known as dependent drinking (alcoholism).

Dependent drinking usually affects a person's quality of life and relationships, but they may not always find it easy to see or accept this.

Severely dependent drinkers are often able to tolerate very high levels of alcohol in amounts that would dangerously affect or even kill some people.

A dependent drinker usually experiences physical and psychological withdrawal symptoms if they suddenly cut down or stop drinking, including:

- hand tremors - "the shakes"
- sweating
- seeing things that are not real (visual hallucinations)
- depression
- anxiety
- difficulty sleeping (insomnia)
- This often leads to "relief drinking" to avoid withdrawal symptoms

Find out more about the risks of alcohol misuse.

You could be misusing alcohol if:

- you feel you should cut down on your drinking
- other people have been criticising your drinking
- you feel guilty or bad about your drinking
- you need a drink first thing in the morning to steady your nerves or get rid of a hangover

Someone you know may be misusing alcohol if:

- they regularly drink more than 14 units of alcohol a week
- they're sometimes unable to remember what happened the night before because of their drinking
- they fail to do what was expected of them as a result of their drinking (for example, missing an appointment or work because they're drunk or hungover (nhs.co.uk))

You can learn more here:

<https://www.drinkaware.co.uk/facts/health-effects-of-alcohol/mental-health/alcoholism>



What's going on in April



The annual Lyrid meteor shower

There's a spectacular free light show happening this spring - and all you have to do is look up. The annual Lyrid meteor shower is set to illuminate UK skies throughout the second half of the month, but your best chance of witnessing this dazzling display falls on 22 and 23 April - providing it's not cloudy. Simply head to the darkest location possible, wrap up warm and sink into a reclining chair. Then let your eyes adjust to the dark (you'll need to wait at least 15 minutes) and wait for the magic to unfold. The best sightings are often in the wee hours.



TCS London Marathon, London, 21 April

You needn't brave the gruelling 26-mile race to get in on the action at the world's biggest fundraising event. Head to almost anywhere along this iconic route, where you can cheer on these incredible athletes and soak up the electric atmosphere. The best - and therefore busiest - viewing areas tend to be by Cutty Sark, Tower Bridge and near the finish line around St James's Park, so you'll need to plan ahead and get there in plenty of time to secure these top spectator spots.



Newcastle Puppetry Festival, until 7 April

Over the school holidays, Newcastle will come to life with this enchanting puppet festival, which promises to expand your perception of these moving creations. From traditional puppets to enormous animatronic animals, an eclectic cast of characters are set to take over the city. Kicking off with larger-than-life creatures roaming Northumberland Street, the programme also includes a parade of the iconic kittiwakes that famously nest under the Tyne Bridge, a day of puppet shows, magic and face painting at Ouseburn Farm, plus six days of free puppet shows and workshops on the lawn outside the Great North



Visit to St Cecilia's Music Museum, Edinburgh, 10 April

Tucked away in a side street in Edinburgh's Old Town, St Cecilia's Hall is Scotland's oldest purpose-built concert hall, and the second-oldest in Britain. Boundless members are invited to discover this historic gem on a talk and tour, hosted by the Edinburgh and Lothian Group. You'll also discover the galleries, home to the University of Edinburgh's impressive collection of historic musical instruments.



NATIONAL PET DAY

Complete our
Pet Safety
Course through
our VLA here:-

<https://busybeestraining.co.uk/e-learning/first-aid/pet-first-aid-e-learning>

National Pet Day is an unofficial holiday that takes place every year on April 11 and encourages people to appreciate the role that pets play in our lives. People with pets are encouraged to give them the extra appreciation that they deserve on this day. The day also brings awareness to those pets who need the most attention, the ones in shelters who are in need of a home.

Pets are more than just cute.. they are good for the soul!

Pets can brighten up the darkest of days just by looking at you. But did you know that scientific studies have proven that owning a pet can be good for your physical and mental health?

That's right, science says owning a pet is good for us! As long as you've done your research and got the right pet for you, they will bring happiness and joy to your life in more ways than one!

It has been suggested that 87% of pet owners agree that having a pet makes them mentally healthier.

Pets give us something positive to focus our mind and energy on. The responsibility of caring for a pet can provide a clear, positive focus, even when life may seem bleak.

And of course, our pets help us feel less lonely and vulnerable, especially for owners whose pet is their only family and companion.



Our Head of Quality Emma has two little fur babies Billy and Bella.

They are a mixture of Bichon Frese and miniature schnauzer also known as Chonzers.

Bella is 10 years old, she is the kindest gentlest little girl and loves to spend her days eating and sleeping, while her little brother Billy is 5 years old and is the funniest dog. His favorite past time is chasing balls and watching TV!



Hermie The Tortoise

Hermie is Lucy's a 10-year-old Hermann's tortoise. Hermann's tortoises are small to medium-sized tortoise from southern Europe and can live to be 50 years old.

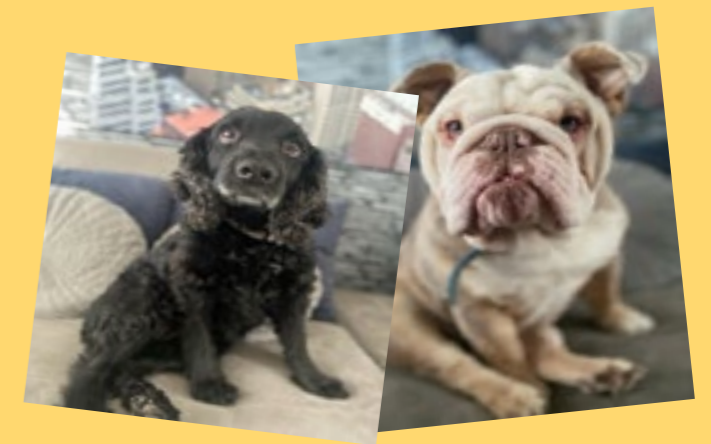
Hermie has a heated enclosure inside in the winter and is able to be outside from late Spring to Autumn as he needs to be kept warm or he will try to hibernate. Hermie eats leafy greens as he's a herbivore so he mostly eats watercress, weeds like dandelions, cabbage, kale and clover.

Meet some of the BBET pets...

Meet Manu and Beau - part of our Head of Ops Sam's family

Beau - 10 year old Working Cocker Spaniel and is trained as a Gun dog (but is Gun shy!) Beau is a little quirky....she like to walk backwards in an out of rooms! You are Beau's best friend if your share food.

Manu - 2 year old English Bull Dog, named after England Rugby Player Manu Tuilagi. Manu is a typical bulldog who is very lazy, Stubben and loves nothing more that a good old Belly rub! Manu is your best friend if you share your blanket and show him any sort of affection!



Dawn one of our RM's says..These are my boys, Teddy and Bear

Teddy is 7 years old in June and Bear is 6 years old in June.

Teddy is $\frac{3}{4}$ pug and $\frac{1}{4}$ Jack Russell and has a really laid back and relaxed personality.

Bear is $\frac{1}{4}$ pug and $\frac{3}{4}$ Jack Russell and is very loud, protective, and loving but needs attention all the time.

They are my world and I cannot remember now what life was like before they became my family

Gemma who is our Education and Curriculum Manager has a little fur baby Buddy.

He is a 2-year-old Pembroke Welsh Corgi. Buddy loves going on long walks and adventures in the countryside. Welsh legend says the fairies and elves of Wales used the Pembroke Welsh Corgi to pull fairy coaches, work fairy cattle, and serve as the steed for fairy warriors. If you look closely, you can see the marks of the "fairy saddle" over the shoulders in the Pembroke's coat.



Scaley is a Royal Python and is a part of one of our IQA's Kim's family

Royal Python's are also known as Ball Pythons, as they spend a lot of time in a tight ball, and is their 'go to' position when feeling threatened.

Snakes are also given a Morph, this is in relation to their patterns, colours and markings, Scaley's Morph is Mojave. She is 38 inches long!

When snakes grow, they shed their skin. Pet snakes live in a Vivarium, where they need lots of places to hide to feel secure. The Vivarium requires a thermal gradient, meaning it needs a warm and cold end. Snakes are not able to hold their own body temperature so require a heat source, she has a heat mat set to a comfortable 33 degrees, she also needs a UV lamp for 12 hours a day.

Scaley survives on a diet of rats, a Royal Python has heat sensors on their snout to enable them to find their prey, so the rats need to be defrosted and warmed before they are offered so she can seek the prey with her heat sensors. Scaley will curl her body into an S shape before striking at her prey, curling her body around it instantly to constrict the prey, before swallowing it whole



Join our teaching sessions

○ Early Years sessions

● Management sessions

● Adult Care sessions

● Residential care sessions

● Teaching Assistant sessions



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