## Understanding Autism



Would you be willing to donate your brain for research into autism when you die?

The fine detail of the brain can only be discovered through post mortem research. The new UK Brain Bank for Autism aims to discover the causes of autism and find ways to overcome its disabling effects. Donations are needed from people who have autism and people who do not. But the brain is not included in the NHS organ donation scheme. You can make a pledge to donate your brain to support this important area of research.



As the sister of someone with autism, it is important to me that I contribute to autism research in any way I can. Research is essential in making progress and furthering our understanding of autism, which will improve the lives of people with autism and their families. This is why I have made the pledge to donate my brain to the Brain Bank for Autism. Donations from close relatives of people with autism are so important, as they allow scientists to make comparisons and learn more about how autism affects the brain's development. When my own life has ended, donating my brain means that I can still contribute to research that will improve the lives of others - people like my brother and families like mine. This is why I support the Brain Bank for Autism.



**James Cusack** 

As an individual with autism and an academic researcher studying autism, one of my central life aims is to further our understanding of autism. By donating my brain when I die, I can leave a lasting legacy, and make a significant contribution which will help contribute to this aim. For these reasons, I whole heartedly support the Brain Bank for autism.

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