

## Behavioural Characteristics

**When people have a diagnosis of Smith-Magenis syndrome it means that they are more likely to engage in certain behaviour than people without this syndrome. This is known as a 'behavioural phenotype'.**

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If a person has a diagnosis of Smith-Magenis syndrome it does not mean they will show all behaviours associated with the syndrome and it is extremely important to remember that everyone with Smith-Magenis syndrome is an individual.

Understanding which behaviours are more likely to occur in Smith-Magenis syndrome means that parents, carers and professionals are in a stronger position to support a person with Smith-Magenis syndrome. This is because they can learn about why this behaviour is happening and develop interventions that are specific to people with this syndrome.

The following sections describe a range of behaviours including:

- [adaptive behaviour](#)
- [Autism Spectrum Disorder](#)
- [mood and interest](#)
- [overactivity/impulsivity](#)
- [repetitive behaviour](#)
- [sleep](#)
- [social behaviour](#)
- [behavioural difficulties](#)

Descriptions of each of these behaviours can be found in the corresponding subsection on this website or you can visit the Key Topics pages to get a general overview of each of these areas by clicking [here](#).