

WHAT IS TOURETTE SYNDROME?



Tourette Syndrome...

- ✖ Is a complex, genetically determined neurological condition
- ✖ Is a combination of involuntary motor and vocal tics that have been present for at least 1 year
- ✖ Typically starts around 6/7 years of age and tends to peak in early adolescence
- ✖ Is a widely misunderstood and stereotyped condition, historically associated with, or defined by, swearing and socially inappropriate behaviour
- ✖ Although it is true that 'coprolalia' (the clinical term for involuntary swearing) is a symptom of TS, it does not affect everyone with the condition and is NOT a criteria for diagnosis
- ✖ Is a condition which has a wide spectrum and affects people across the lifespan
- ✖ People with TS commonly experience co-occurring conditions such as OCD, ADHD and anxiety
- ✖ Referral to specialist neurologists for confirmation of diagnosis and management of TS is recommended
- ✖ Management of tics include behavioural therapy for tics and medication

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