

This is what Spectrum 10K has said about:

Funding

1. Who is funding Spectrum 10K?

Spectrum 10K is wholly funded by the Wellcome Trust. The Wellcome Trust is an organisation that provides funding to scientists to support them with research that can increase understanding of physical and mental health and ways to improve them. For more information about the Wellcome Trust, visit www.wellcome.ac.uk/about-us.

2. Is there any funding from the United States?

Spectrum 10K is not receiving any funding directly or indirectly from the United States or any other countries. All of the funding is provided by the Wellcome Trust, which is based in the United Kingdom. The Wellcome Trust generates its funding through its own financial investments around the world and generally does not receive money from other organisations. For more information about where the Wellcome Trust's money comes from, visit wellcome.org/who-we-are/investments.

3. What are the non-negotiable aspects of the study?

Please refer to the limits of the consultation document [here](#).

4. What obligations does Spectrum 10K have to its funders?

The Spectrum 10K research team has obtained the funding from the Wellcome Trust. Our obligations to our funders are to establish a cohort of 10,000 autistic people, and where possible their families. We will also use this cohort to investigate genetic and environmental links to autism and co-occurring conditions.

5. Who will benefit financially from Spectrum 10K?

None of the researchers, members of the research team, the funders or anyone else stand to benefit financially from Spectrum 10K.

6. Has the ARC ever received funding from Cure Autism Now?

The Autism Research Centre received a grant for approximately £50,000 from Cure Autism Now in 2002. An example of research funded by this grant is this functional MRI study looking at cognition in autistic people. A further grant for approximately £62,000 funded by Cure Autism Now, 'The role of perceptual



attentional disturbances in the early diagnosis of autism', ended in 2008. At the time of receiving CAN funding, CAN was one of the few funding bodies available in the UK.