### Understanding Neurodiversity: Key Terms

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<td>An individual’s brain functions, learns and processes information differently from the way society expects it to. Common neurodivergent conditions include Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Dyslexia, Dyspraxia, Dysgraphia, Dyscalculia and Tourette’s Syndrome.</td>
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### How neurodivergence might affect a colleague at work

- Procrastination
- Energy levels
- Arithmetic ability
- Memory ability
- Sense of direction
- Vision and hearing
- Concentration and focus
- Spelling, reading and writing
- Social interaction and communication
- Organisation, planning and/or maintaining a schedule

### The benefits of a neurodiverse workforce

- Lateral thinking
- Strategic analysis
- Quality assurance
- Employee engagement
- Creativity and innovation
- Sustained attention to detail
- Bringing a different perspective
- Consistency in tasks once mastered
- Information processing advantage
- Strong problem-solving and spatial reasoning capabilities