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**Risk Factors Associated with Prevalence of Autism**

The following conditions would suggest that the child/young person may have a higher risk of having autistic spectrum disorder:

* A sibling with autism
* Birth defects associated with central nervous system malformation and/or dysfunction, including cerebral palsy
* Gestational age less than 35 weeks
* Parental schizophrenia-like psychosis or affective disorder
* Maternal use of sodium valproate in pregnancy
* Intellectual disability
* Neonatal encephalopathy or epileptic encephalopathy, including infantile spasms
* Chromosomal disorders such as Down's syndrome
* Genetic disorders such as fragile X
* Muscular dystrophy
* Neurofibromatosis
* Tuberous sclerosis

Taken from NICE Guideline CG128, Autism in under 19s: recognition, referral and diagnosis. [Link: http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/cg128/chapter/1-recommendations]