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Tourette's Syndrome Facts

*1:100 school aged children to have diagnosable TS.
Over 300,000 children and adults are living with TS in the UK*

As with other neurological conditions, TS is more prevalent in boys

*A disability protected under Equalities Act 2010.
“under the Equality Act 2010 if you have a physical or mental impairment that has a regular, 'substantial' and 'long-term' negative effect on your ability to do normal daily activities”*

A complex condition with a wide spectrum of symptoms

There is no cure or one treatment that can permanently stop tics; but medication and psychological therapies can help to manage symptoms

Up to 85% of people with TS will also experience co-occurring conditions such as Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD), and Anxiety

The key features are tics – involuntary sounds and movements called tics

TS is a genetic condition that often runs in families

The genetic cause of TS is complex as not one single gene has been identified to be the cause of the condition

*Tics are common in children, but mostly they do not develop into TS.
However, in TS vocal tics usually start later than motor tics*

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