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National Autistic Society Letter of 28 November 2011

Dear Anne,

Some time ago the National Autistic Society voiced concern over the distressing effects such devices may have for people with autism and we contacted the product makers to raise this issue.

The NAS Helpline has received calls from people who have been adversely affected by the Mosquito system and who are worried by the distress it may cause to people with the condition.

Many of the 50,000 people in Scotland living with autism have very sensitive hearing and may become alarmed and anxious if a high-pitched tone or buzz is suddenly used in their vicinity.

Autism is much more common than people think and those with the disability can find it incredibly hard to make sense of the world; everyday life can be confusing or even frightening. A better understanding of the complexities and characteristics of the condition is the first step to ensuring people with autism can enjoy the same rights and freedoms as the rest of society.

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