

## **Shirley Borghetti Hiscock, biographical note**

Shirley B Hiscock is a child analyst, member of the British Psychoanalytical Society. She worked for 21 years in the National Health Services, both at the Tavistock and Portman NHS Foundation Trust and at the Royal Free Hospital Foundation Trust, where she developed a psychotherapy service for chronic pain patients. She has lectured extensively on her work with medically ill patients. She has also lectured in the UK and abroad on her work with children on the autistic spectrum.

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## **"Person, it is a person!": Reflections on the Analysis of a Boy in the Autistic Spectrum"**

This is a clinical paper on the analysis of Titus, a boy in the autistic spectrum, who came to analysis at the age of 6, unable to speak or play and quite enclosed in auto generated sensuous experiences. Vignettes from different stages of 3 years of treatment will be drawn upon to illustrate what appeared to be the beginnings of Titus establishing a sense of identity. The material generates questions about the possibility and scope of recovering from a state of a closed system of auto generated body sensations where objects are used as part of this hard and soft world of sensations, preventing mental development.