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My 17 year old daughter has only recently been given her diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder by a Neuro-developmental Pediatrician. Seven years ago a young male teacher at her primary school diagnosed her but his opinion didn't carry any weight. He was in fact the real expert, his sister was Autistic. It took us the next six years of going from Psychologists, Doctors, Counsellors and Psychiatrists to finally get the correct cause of our daughter's problems. She was given labels for most of the co-morbid conditions of Autism, including school refusal, eating disorders, Social anxiety, Attachment Disorder, stress etc. Her health and meltdowns reached such a crisis point that we had to take her out of school and get her into Distance Education. As a family it has been gut retching to deal with School Principals who refused to see us, being accused of being abusive parents or over-protective parents. Female Aspergers needs recognition by panels of those who have lived with and understand Autistic girls and women.

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