

DIAGNOSIS

One of the following decisions will be agreed with you.

- Your child does not have a diagnosis and he/she will be discharged from the Autism Service. Onward referral to other agencies/services may be made.
- A diagnosis is inconclusive at this stage. In this case further assessment or review assessment, allowing time for your child's development to mature may be required.
- A diagnosis of ASD is confirmed: your key-worker will arrange to meet with you and agree a Care plan for your child/family.

This leads to the next step of your journey with the service:

Follow up supports include:

- Interventions informed by assessment, that are individually tailored
- Info/Advice/Support/Voluntary Organisations
- Parent training
- Individual or group intervention with members of team
- UNOCINI/Carer's Assessment

Contacts Details

ASD Services are based in three locations of the Western Trust.

For all initial queries please contact the Omagh office on 028 82835983.

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www.westerntrust.hscni.net/services/2378.htm**

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The Autism Service



**The Journey
Through the
Assessment Process**

Service Structure

The ASD Service is a multi disciplinary service that has been developed to offer assessment, diagnosis, support and early intervention for children and young people who are presenting with characteristics commonly associated with the Autism Spectrum.

Team members may include:

- Consultant Lead Clinical Psychologist
- Community Paediatricians
- Clinical Psychologists
- Autism Practitioners
- Social Workers
- Occupational Therapist
- Health Visitors
- Speech & Language Therapists
- Educational Psychologist
- Team Administrator
- Team Secretaries

Assessment Process

Your child was referred to this service for an assessment of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

Assessment is the first step in your journey within our team. This process is tailored to the individual needs of each child and their family and involves multi-professional specialist assessment.

This process that may occur over a period of weeks/months and may include:-

- A comprehensive history of your child's development is completed with Parent(s). This appointment will last 1½-2 hours.
- Assessments with your child to observe their social interaction, communication and behaviour.
- Liaison with/referral to other professionals or agencies involved with your child.
- Home and/or School observations.
- Initial assessment/advice/intervention from team members.
- You will be appointed a key-worker but in the interim if you have any queries please contact

Bringing It All Together

Following assessment the members of the team involved will take some time to discuss their observations and all other available information on your child.

This may involve convening a multi-disciplinary meeting which may be attended by:

- Members of the WHSCT ASD Team.
- Senior Educational Psychologist for Autism (Education Authority).
- A representative from your child's school.
- Any other professionals involved in your child's care.

The aim of this meeting is to ensure a co-ordinated approach to your child's assessment and care.

We aim to ensure that parents are involved and informed throughout the assessment process. Your key-worker will keep you informed at all times.