

Outcome of Assessment

A further appointment will be offered upon completion of the required assessments to discuss the outcome and agree any necessary steps.

The team will be able to provide information, as appropriate, on any other services that may be available. If necessary onwards referrals can be made.

A report will also be written outlining the outcome of the assessment process.



Should you require further information regarding any part of the assessment process or have any additional questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

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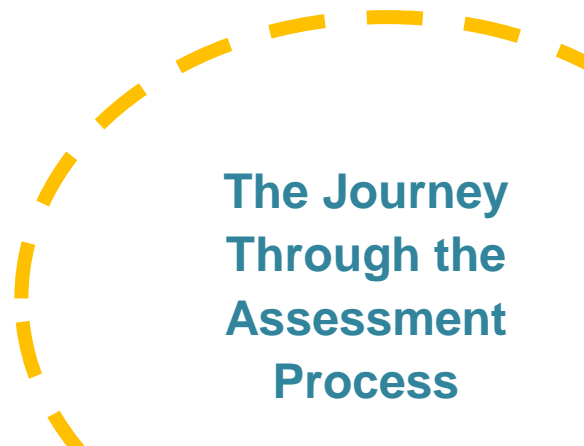


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The Adult Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Assessment Service

For Individuals with an
Intellectual Disability

Information for Carers



The Journey
Through the
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Process

The Adult Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Assessment Service for Individuals with an Intellectual Disability

This service offers assessments exploring the presence or not of ASD for those over the age of 18 years who have an existing Intellectual Disability diagnosis.

The person you care for has been referred to this service. The purpose of this leaflet is to provide you with more information about our assessment process.

Assessment Process

The assessment process can differ depending on the amount of information that is already available to our service and the individual's needs and requirements. The time period of the assessment process and number of appointments offered can therefore also vary.

The process will involve seeing more than one different professional.

Appointments that may take place in a variety of settings such as the home, day centre or in our clinic.

Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is a lifelong developmental disability that affects how a person communicates and relates to other people and how they experience the world around them.

There is no medical test for ASD. During the assessment process professionals will look in detail at the individual's:

- Communication
- Social Interaction
- Sensory Complaints
- Background History

Assessment appointments can take many different formats. During some of the appointments the individual may be given the opportunity to take part in a range of different activities. Other appointments may consist of a professional observing the individual in a given setting.

As a Parent/Carer you too will have a role to play during this assessment process as we ask to meet with a family member who knows the person well and who will be able to provide information about the individual's past (background history).



Gathering this valuable information can take place over a few appointments and can be organised at a time most convenient for you. The professional involved will be able to advise you of the duration of appointments.