

# Attending for Your Child/Young Person's Autism Assessment



## Autism Assessment Service Locations:

- The assessment teams work in a variety of locations
- You will be offered the next available appointment slot that is the most suitable to meet your child's needs

## Young Person's Consent:

If your child is 16 years of age or over :

- He/she *must* be aware that the appointment is about an autism assessment
- He/she *must* agree to attend for the appointment

The assessment will not be able to progress until the team are confident that your child knows why they are being assessed.

If you have concerns about raising this with your child please discuss this with us.

## Assessment Team:

Multi-disciplinary assessment, 2 of the following:

- Paediatrician
- Speech and Language Therapist
- Psychologist
- Occupational Therapist
- Behaviour Therapist
- Social Worker
- Psychiatrist
- Nurse

## Day of Assessment:

- 2 adults to accompany child

One parent to complete Neuro-developmental History (in separate room from child).

The second adult will support the child in whatever way is necessary.

- ADOS
  - Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule
  - A play or conversation based assessment
- After the assessment the team will review all the information gathered (e.g. educational psychology, medical reports, school questionnaire, social services)

## Further Assessment:

In some cases there may be more than one assessment session required.

This will be discussed with you. *It may involve:*

- School observation/home observation
- Cognitive assessment
- Language assessment

## Feedback Appointment:

Once the assessment process has been completed, parents will be invited to a feedback appointment.

The aim of this is to:

- Discuss outcome of Assessment and diagnostic report
- Discuss next steps



## Assessment Outcome:

- ASD diagnosis confirmed – offered onward referral to ASD Intervention service
- Very occasionally a child may be reviewed in 12 months
- If there is no ASD diagnosis your child will be discharged. If appropriate an onward referral for further assessment / other services will be made

## School Questionnaire:

Please ensure your child's teacher has completed the Social Communication Questionnaire and bring it with you to the appointment. The assessment cannot be concluded without it.

