

Autism Spectrum Disorder Assessment Service (ASDAS)

Description

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ASDAS is multi-disciplinary team providing evidence-based assessments for children and young people with suspected autism spectrum disorder. We see children and young people aged 2-18 years.

Our assessments include in-depth parental interviews, consideration of professional reports and information and direct observation and assessment of the child or young person's communication, interaction and play skills.

Following our assessment, we are able to offer information and sign post families to local services that can help with post diagnostic support.

We are unable to provide second opinions for those who have already received a diagnosis.

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What is autism spectrum disorder (ASD)?

ASD is a lifelong developmental condition which affects the way a person communicates, interacts and processes information. Many individuals with autism interpret information, situations and their environment in different ways to other people.

Autism is described as a spectrum condition. this means it affects people in different ways and varies from person to person. Individuals have will have strengths and areas of challenge that are unique to them.

Who is in the ASDAS team?

- Specialist doctors
- Occupational Therapists (OT)
- Speech and Language Therapists (SLT)
- Clinical Psychologist

Access to a social worker who provides information (after a diagnosis is made) to families of children under 5 years old about short breaks and services available in the borough.

What does an autism assessment include?

Our assessment includes some or all of the following:

- A detailed interview with parents or carers.
- Direct assessment of the child or young person's communication, interaction and play skills.
- A medical examination and/or developmental assessment
- A detailed team discussion considering all the information from our assessment.
- Feedback to let you know the outcome of the assessment.
- A Final report

What will happen at the end of the assessment?

The team will discuss their findings and conclusions with you and let you know whether your child is autistic or not. You will be able to ask any questions that you may have. Together with the team you can decide which available services may be useful to you. A member of school staff is walways welcome to attend our feedback sessions.

If your child receives a diagnosis of autism, we will give you an information pack about what local support is available.

How do you make a referral for an autism assessment?

Referrals needs to be made by professionals who know the child/young person well. They need to fill out:

1. completed SPA form
2. Completed ASDAS Referral Form
3. Attach any other relevant

Email: thgpcg.spa@nhs.net

Referral form and guidance can be found on the "Resources page" on this website -

<https://www.localoffertowerhamlets.co.uk/documents?>

[page=1&per_page=1000&search_document%5Bterm%5D=Autism%20Spectrum%20Disorder%20Assessment%20Service%28ASDAS%29%20Referral%20From](https://www.localoffertowerhamlets.co.uk/documents?)

or please visit -

<https://www.bartshealth.nhs.uk/referral-forms>

Who can request an autism assessment?

Professionals with concerns can refer to us.

This includes: Teachers, SENCOs, nursery staff, health visitors, GPs, speech and language therapists and accupational therapists.

Suitable for ages

Age of Users

From **2 years to 18 years**

Costs

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Free

Questions & Answers

Can Families Self-Refer To The Service? No

Do You Have A Waiting List? Yes

Do You Have Child Protection Policies And Procedures Yes

Eligibility - Can The Service Be Accessed By Extended Family Members Or Carers Yes

Further Information

Provider Type

SEND |

Delivery Channels

Office / Premises |

Referral Criteria

None (Self-referral) |

Provider

SEND

Mile End Hospital

Contact Details

Telephone No

020 7767 3322 (Option 2)

Email Address

bartshealth.communityasdasteam@nhs.net

Address Details

Street Number

Mile End Hospital

Street

275 Bancroft Road

Town

London

Postcode

E1 4DG

Opening Times

Monday from 09:00 to 17:00

Tuesday from 09:00 to 17:00

Wednesday from 09:00 to 17:00

Thursday from 09:00 to 17:00

Friday from 09:00 to 17:00

Similar Organisations

National Autistic Society

Speech And Language Therapy Children's Service

Tower Hamlets Family Support Service

Autism Partnership London

Autism Parents Support Group