

Newham Autism Diagnostic Service

A diagnostic service for adults (over the age of 18) who are residing in Newham





What is Autism

Autism is a lifelong developmental disability which affects how people communicate and interact with the world. Autism is a spectrum condition and affects people in different ways. Every autistic person has different "set" of traits in different areas of the spectrum.

The main areas of difficulty include:

Social communication and interaction differences Restricted and repetitive behaviours or interests, and difficulty coping with change and unpredictability.

Benefits of getting a diagnosis

- Help you understand why you experience certain difficulties and how to cope with them
- Help you access the appropriate services that suit your needs and certain benefits
- Help you access reasonable adjustments in your employment or education

How to make a referral

Referrals to the service can be made by:

GPs

NHS Consultants

Liaison and Diversion Services

Referral criteria

- Adults age 18 and over
- Residents of Newham
- Consent to the referral
- No existing diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Conditions

What to expect after the referral is received

- New referrals will be screened by the clinicians.
- If accepted, we will add you to the waiting list.
- We will ask you to complete some questionnaires.
- We will require information from your parents or someone who knew you as child.
- You will be invited for your initial assessment.

How the service operates

The Autism Diagnostic Service operates on a multidisciplinary model as part of the health team. Following diagnosis, the service can provide brief post diagnostic support, including highlighting local support services. The team will develop protocols and care-pathways, working closely with Mental Health services, Local Authorities and voluntary services.

Contact us

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