

Autism Assessment Information

What happens during the assessment?

The assessment includes:

- A child/young person assessment
- A virtual appointment for parents/carers
- Information from nursery/school/college

If your child is pre-school age, we may do the child and parent parts of the assessment together.

Child/Young Person Assessment

The assessment will be at one of these hospitals



Harrogate Hospital



Friarage Hospital



The Child Development Centre,
Northallerton

The waiting area will be like this:



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A member of the team will come and meet you.



They will take you to a room like this for your appointment:



We will check that it's okay if parents/carers wait in the waiting area whilst the child/young person has their appointment.

In the assessment, we will have a chat with the child/young person to find out more about them, and we may use some activities like these:



Parent/Carer Appointment

The appointment with parents/carers will take place by video or phone call. It may take up to 3 hours. It is important to have a private space, where the child/young person is not present, and the parent/carer can talk freely.

Information from school

Before the appointment, we will ask you to share a 'professional's questionnaire' with nursery/school/college, so that they can fill it in and send it back to us.

What happens next?

We will look at all the information from all parts of the assessment to help us to decide if the child/young person is autistic or not.

A feedback appointment will then be arranged to discuss this with the parent/carer and the young person, if this is appropriate.

We will then send you a written report. We will also offer you a follow-up telephone call.

We look forward to meeting you!

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