**Autism Assessment Service**

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**Young Person additional information to share**

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If you are unable to send via email or you would like help completing the form, please call us on 01423 557471.

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| **Your Name:** |  | | **Date of birth:** | |  | |
| **Preferred name if different:** |  | | **Gender:**  Please indicate if this is different from sex assigned at birth | |  | |
| **Pronouns:** | he/she/they/other | | **GP Practice Name:** | |  | |
| **Contact numbers:** |  | | | | | |
| **Email address:** |  | | | | | |
| **Do you need an interpreter? (if so, which language)** | | | | |  | |
| **Which parent(s)/ carer(s) would you like us to contact as part of your assessment?** We usually interview a parent/ carer to find out about your development and early years. If you prefer us not to do this, please let us know. | | | | |  | |
| **Please tell us about your communication preferences:** | | | | | | |
|  | | This is my preferred communication | | I am usually comfortable communicating this way | | I prefer to never communicate this way |
| Face to face | |  | |  | |  |
| Video call | |  | |  | |  |
| Phone call | |  | |  | |  |
| Text | |  | |  | |  |
| Email | |  | |  | |  |
| Other | |  | |  | |  |

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| **How long have you wondered if you might be autistic?** |  |
| **What are your strengths?** |  |
| **What hobbies/ interests do you have?** |  |
| **What concerns do you have? Please tell us about any risks.** |  |
| **How do these concerns affect your day to day life?** |  |
| **Who are the key supportive and positive people around you?** |  |
| **What additional help do you already get to manage and enjoy everyday life?** |  |
| **What additional help do you need (but not yet have) to manage and enjoy everyday life?** |  |
| **What are you hoping to get out of an autism assessment?** |  |
| **What could we do to make the assessment process more accessible/ comfortable for you?** |  |

**Please use the coding system below. Do not worry if some of the questions are not relevant to you: please mark as N/A (Not applicable) if this is the case.**

1. **This is not true of me at all**
2. **This is a little true of me**
3. **This is true of me**
4. **This is true of me and is having a big impact**

***Communication***

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|  | **Please give examples (the boxes will get bigger as you type)** | **1** | **2** | **3** | **4** |
| I prefer to talk only with people I know very well |  |  |  |  |  |
| I have favourite words or sounds |  |  |  |  |  |
| I sometimes prefer to be non-speaking |  |  |  |  |  |
| I can become totally focussed on what I’m doing and ‘zone out’ so don’t hear people talk to me |  |  |  |  |  |
| I find it much easier to talk to people on their own rather than in groups |  |  |  |  |  |
| I have to work hard to remember to say “hello” or “goodbye” |  |  |  |  |  |
| I dislike holding eye contact |  |  |  |  |  |
| I rely on other clues rather than people’s facial expression when working out how people are feeling |  |  |  |  |  |
| I find it easy to tell people’s mood by their tone of voice or facial expression |  |  |  |  |  |
| I can talk for long periods about their favourite topic and might not notice if the listener was distracted |  |  |  |  |  |
| I am an excellent mimic |  |  |  |  |  |
| I enjoy talking to myself |  |  |  |  |  |
| I rehearse in advance what I might say |  |  |  |  |  |
| I repeat back things I have heard many times |  |  |  |  |  |

**Relationships and friendships**

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| When I was younger, I: | **Please give examples (the boxes will get bigger as you type)** | **1** | **2** | **3** | **4** |
| usually choose to play alone even if there were other children around |  |  |  |  |  |
| wasn’t interested in ‘fads’ |  |  |  |  |  |
| was less interested in pretending play than others |  |  |  |  |  |
| preferred structured activities with other children rather than ‘play dates’ |  |  |  |  |  |
| found playing in groups confusing or hard work |  |  |  |  |  |
| preferred the company of adults |  |  |  |  |  |
| Now I: | | | | | |
| get better with young children or much older people |  |  |  |  |  |
| have 1 or 2 close friendships |  |  |  |  |  |
| find it hard to share friends |  |  |  |  |  |
| can say things that may offend other people, even if they are true e.g., "they smell funny" |  |  |  |  |  |
| have to work hard to understand another's perspectives or views |  |  |  |  |  |
| have had to learn to understand jokes/ sayings (such as "keep your eyes peeled") |  |  |  |  |  |
| need to understand the rules and expectations before joining in and may be upset if others are not following the rules |  |  |  |  |  |

**Stereotyped and repetitive behaviour**

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| I can… | **Please give examples (the boxes will get bigger as you type)** | **1** | **2** | **3** | **4** |
| use very specific or technical language |  |  |  |  |  |
| memorise and repeats chunks of dialogue heard in DVDs/books or television |  |  |  |  |  |
| have favourite words/phrases that they like to use often |  |  |  |  |  |
| enjoy making repetitive noises e.g., humming, growling, squeaking |  |  |  |  |  |
| enjoy/ find soothing to do repetitive hand and/or body movements e.g., hand flapping, twisting, ringing, rocking |  |  |  |  |  |
| walk on my toes |  |  |  |  |  |
| line up, arrange carefully or organise objects, or used to line up toys when younger |  |  |  |  |  |
| enjoy or find soothing to do repetitive behaviours e.g. opening and closing doors, turning lights on and off, filling and emptying containers |  |  |  |  |  |
| have my own vocabulary/ words I’ve created |  |  |  |  |  |
| echo words/phrases that I have heard |  |  |  |  |  |
| enjoy fiddling with objects/ clothes |  |  |  |  |  |

**Routines and rituals**

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| I… | **Please give examples (the boxes will get bigger as you type)** | **1** | **2** | **3** | **4** |
| have specific routines and rituals e.g., something has to be done in exactly the same way |  |  |  |  |  |
| am upset by changes to routines or environment e.g., if I have a substitute teacher /a road is closed |  |  |  |  |  |
| find it difficult to move from one activity/room/environment to another e.g. transitions |  |  |  |  |  |
| often ask the same question repetitively and need the answer to be given in a particular way |  |  |  |  |  |
| stick to rules and expects others to as well |  |  |  |  |  |
| need things to be done or arranged in specific ways |  |  |  |  |  |
| have a great fondness for certain numbers/ letters |  |  |  |  |  |

**Interests**

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| I… | **Please give examples (the boxes will get bigger as you type)** | **1** | **2** | **3** | **4** |
| was interested in shapes/letters/numbers at an early age |  |  |  |  |  |
| have intense interest in specific subjects/objects |  |  |  |  |  |
| have collections of objects |  |  |  |  |  |
| my interests change over time but are always intense and perhaps to the exclusion of other activities |  |  |  |  |  |
| like to carry a specific object around with me |  |  |  |  |  |
| have unusual fears/phobias |  |  |  |  |  |
| will often change the topic of conversation to a favourite topic |  |  |  |  |  |
| have expertise on my favourite subjects |  |  |  |  |  |

**Sensory**

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| I… | **Please give examples (the boxes will get bigger as you type)** | **1** | **2** | **3** | **4** |
| am distressed by loud or unusual noises, may cover my ears to block out to sound |  |  |  |  |  |
| am sensitive to the feel of certain clothes (including labels and seams) |  |  |  |  |  |
| have an unusual or extreme reaction to pain or temperature |  |  |  |  |  |
| have a limited diet and/only like certain foods due to colour/texture |  |  |  |  |  |
| do not like different types of food to be touching on my plate |  |  |  |  |  |
| struggle to tell if I am too hot/ cold |  |  |  |  |  |
| have a surprising response to pain |  |  |  |  |  |
| struggle to recognise/ tell others if I am hungry/ thirsty/ need the toilet |  |  |  |  |  |
| Experience synaesthesia/ I notice that stimulating one sense and activate multiple senses (e.g. particular numbers are linked to a certain smell, familiar people are linked to a number/ colour. |  |  |  |  |  |

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| **Do you have any concerns to do with self-care (dressing, eating, toileting, washing)?**  **If so, please describe.** |  |
| **Do you have any concerns to do with sleep?**  **If so, please describe.** |  |
| **Do you have any concerns to do with learning?**  **If so, please describe.** |  |
| **Do you have any concerns to do with movement?**  **If so, please describe.** |  |
| **Please comment on your concentration and attention, distractibility and impulsivity:** |  |

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