

Support for your Child and Family

ASD Drop in Advisory Sessions/ASD Training Team

Pre and Post Diagnosis ASD courses for parents.

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Tel: 0151 233 5988

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Face2Face A joint project between the Charity 'Scope' and Alder Hey. They offer emotional support to parents/carers of children with disabilities and/or complex needs who access any Alder Hey service.

Contact: Vicky Harris 07843 467 588

Isabella Trust Training and support for ASD and sensory needs.

Tel: 0151 792 8178 / 0151 378 0998

Email: info@theisabellatrust.org

www.theisabellatrust.org

ADDvanced Solutions Community Network

Training, support and social activities for families with children with neurodevelopmental difficulties.

Tel: 0151 486 1788

Email: info@advancedsolutions.co.uk

www.advancedsolutions.co.uk

Liverpool Parent and Carers Forum (LivPaC)

Support and training for parents/carers to feel empowered and informed from services and professionals.

Email: livpac@hotmail.co.uk

www.livpac.co.uk

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Community Speech & Language Therapy

Support for children with speech, language & communication needs as well as eating and drinking difficulties.

Tel: 0151 295 3990

Autism Initiatives (Crosby)

Tel: 0151 330 9500

www.autisminitiatives.org

The National Autistic Society

www.autism.org.uk

Helpline: 0845 070 4104

Please note: This leaflet only gives general information. You must always discuss the individual treatment of your child with the appropriate member of staff.

Do not rely on this leaflet alone for information about your child's treatment.

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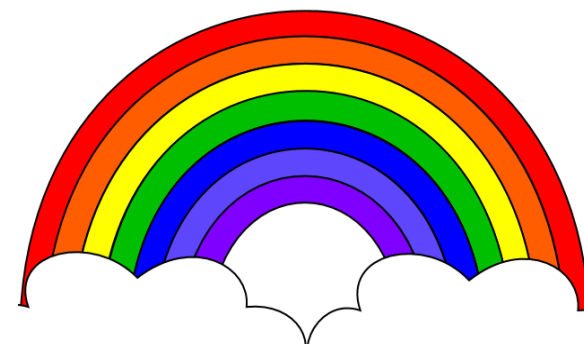
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Department of Developmental Paediatrics

Alder Hey Autism Spectrum Pathway

Information for Parents and Carers



This leaflet is about children referred to the Alder Hey Autism Spectrum Disorder Pathway for an assessment of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

Please note that a referral to the ASD Pathway does not mean that your child will automatically receive a diagnosis of ASD.

Your child's journey on the Pathway will take time. How long will be different for each child. The journey will also be tailored to your child's individual needs.

Who we are

We are a team of professionals that consists of:

- Neurodevelopmental Practitioners/ Specialist Nurses
- Developmental Paediatricians
- Psychiatrists
- Speech and Language Therapists
- Clinical Psychologists
- Assistant Psychologists
- A Pathway Coordinator

ASD Assessment

ASD assessments can take place in your child's nursery/school or at our clinic.

As part of the assessment process the team needs to gather information about your child from a variety of sources.

Depending on your child's needs, their ASD assessment **may** include:

- A neurodevelopmental history
- Single assessment with a clinician
- Joint assessment with more than one clinician
- Developmental Paediatrician assessment
- Speech and Language Therapy assessment
- Clinical Psychology assessment
- A school observation
- A school questionnaire
- The Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule (ADOS) assessment

Outcome of Assessment

Once the assessments that your child needs are done, a decision about whether they have ASD or not will be made.

The team will tell you the outcome in the joint assessment or in a feedback session.

The feedback session is to ask any questions you may have about the outcome. You will also get information about ASD & local support if you need it.

After feedback you will be sent a report about the assessment and the outcome.

Then you and your child will be discharged from the ASD Pathway.

Support at Alder Hey whilst on the ASD Pathway

You can go to **Informal Advisory Sessions** if your child is on the Pathway.

The team can advise you on: sleep, eating, communication, behavior & sensory issues.

Sessions are 30 minutes. You will need to book a space. They are every Tuesday 9.30am-12.30pm in the Department of Developmental Paediatrics at Alder Hey.

Call us on **(0151) 252 5252** to book a session.