

Transcript for 'Autism Assessment Service for children and young people' video

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We are the children and young people's Autism Assessment Service. We see children and young

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people who are referred to us from the age of two-and-a-half to 17-and-a-half

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for autism assessments. For our assessment, we get lots of information together from your

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child or young person. And that'll be face-to-face and from the people who know them well.

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When we finish the assessment, we'll write you a report and that includes some ideas of how

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to help and we let you know what support's available locally and where you can find

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that. Our appointments are usually in a clinic, but sometimes we'll carry out the assessments

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somewhere else and that could be online. We could do a phone consultation, see you in school,

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and perhaps even at home depending on what's best for you and your child or young person.

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We're an assessment-only service and that means we only do the autism assessment and the outcome with

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some feedback. We don't do therapy or any ongoing care. There's no follow-ups but we do have an

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online service and that's known as SHaRON and you can sign up for that for support and information

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that's interactive. We don't do assessments for other conditions and we are not a mental health

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service. So, if you do have concerns or there's other assessments that you're interested in and

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concerns about your child's mental health, you can visit our CAMHS pages on the website and they'll

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answer your questions. You can get guidance there. So, to get an autism assessment before you

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make that referral, you'd want to speak to your child's school or educational setting and

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discuss their needs because you can put support in early. It should start early and support doesn't

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require a diagnosis. So that setting can create a support plan and you can follow that support plan

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for six months. There'll be support that you can access for your family during this

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time. So while you're waiting for an assessment after 6 months when the support plan is reviewed,

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if an assessment is needed, speak to your child's preschool or school or college about making that

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referral. If they're not in school, if they're not at preschool, if they're not in college,

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you can make a referral with another professional, someone who knows them or who is involved.

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You can find more information about our service, about the

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children and young people's Autism Assessment Service and what we offer on our webpage.