

WILTSHIRE AUTISM DIAGNOSIS SERVICE

If possible, please ask someone that has known you since you were a child to fill this form out about or with you.

If it is not possible to have a parent or carer fill this out then ask someone else such as a sibling or a partner.

It is helpful if the person completing this provides as much information possible and gives specific examples where relevant.

Please return this form before your appointment

Personal details

Attendee's Name:

Name of person completing form:

Relationship to attendee:

Writers' Address:

Phone number:
(in case there are questions)

Referred by:

Date of Assessment:

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 1) Why is this assessment being sought now?
- 2) What are the current problems and how long have these problems been present?
- 3) Does the person have any physical health problems? Any history of epilepsy? Food intolerances? Reaction to vaccines?
- 4) Have they ever had a head injury?
- 5) Have they ever had any mental health problems? Please outline what these are?
- 6) Has anyone in their family ever had any mental health problems or a diagnosis of autism? (include grandparents/aunts/uncles etc)
- 7) Are they taking any medication at present? What for? What is the dosage?
- 8) What were their academic achievements like? Please outline any exam results/qualifications they achieved.
- 9) Have they had any problems in getting or keeping a job?

10) Have there been any problems in living independently?

11) Can they manage their own money successfully?

12) Do they have problems in remembering to pay bills, undertake self-care, do laundry or cleaning, etc.?

INFANCY AND EARLY DEVELOPMENTAL HISTORY

13) Were there any problems related to the pregnancy or birth? Please describe

14) Did they reach developmental milestones within the usual time-frame, eg. for walking, talking etc.?

15) Was there anything unusual about their sleep when they were a baby/infant?

16) Was there ever any concern about their hearing?

17) Was there anything unusual about them as a baby or young child? Did anyone ever comment on this? Were there any odd or unusual events during this period?

18) Were they a receptive infant who tried to communicate in the usual ways? E.g. pointing, smiling, seeking eye contact?

SOCIAL INTERACTION

19) Did they appear to enjoy spending time with other children or did they prefer to be alone?

20) Do you remember them joining in to imitate what Mum or Dad was doing, when age 1-4?

21) Did they spontaneously join in with other children or did they need encouragement to do so?

22) Did they have any friends when they were younger?

23) Did they appear to have any difficulties in either making or maintaining friends? If so, please outline.

24) What did they spend their time doing during evenings and week-ends when they were younger?

25) Please describe your knowledge of any bullying they experienced.

26) Did they get into trouble at school? If so, what for?

27) Have they currently got any close friends? Does this seem to worry him/her?

28) Have they ever had a girlfriend/boyfriend? How long for?

29) Do you think that they get taken advantage of or bullied in any way?

30) Have they ever been in trouble with the law because of their behaviour?

31) Do you know if there are any social situations that make them nervous?

32) Do they upset people unintentionally by saying the wrong thing for example?

33) Has anyone ever complained about their behaviour for other reasons? Eg: stubbornness, shouting/screaming, inappropriate sexual behaviour, self-harm, drunkenness, stripping, wandering off.

COMMUNICATION

34) Was there anything unusual about the person's language development in childhood, eg. late in talking, unusual first words, echoing what was said by others?

35) Did others have trouble understanding them when they were a child?

36) Did they talk "like an adult" when a young child?

37) How able are they at holding a conversation now?

38) How easy is it to have a relaxed, easy two way flowing conversation? If difficult- what makes it difficult?

39) What do they like to talk about?

40) Are there times when they are too quiet or talk too much?

41) How able are they to make small talk?

42) Are there times when they are too honest in terms of what they say?

43) Do they have any difficulties picking up on humour?

44) Do they get confused or misunderstand what other people say, perhaps taking things too literally?

45) Can they pick up when people are being sarcastic?

INTERESTS

46) Was there anything unusual about their pattern of play as a child?

47) What were their interests as a child? Did they engage in these alone or with other people?

48) Do they have a particular hobby or interest now? If yes, please outline.

49) If so, does this appear to take up a lot of their time and thoughts?

50) Do other people get annoyed or bored when they talk about this interest?

ROUTINES

51) As a child, did they have to do things in a certain way, or at certain times?

52) How did they react to changes as a child? Was any time particularly difficult for them?

53) Do they still have to do things in a certain way or at certain times?

54) Do they get annoyed or anxious if they cannot do these things in the way they want?

55) Do they mind now if plans have to be changed?

56) Do they find it hard to deal with new places or people?

SENSORY

- 57) Did they have any unusual sensory responses when they were a child, for example, disliking certain noises, textures, bright lights etc?
- 58) Do sensations seem bother them now, such as things being too bright, or too loud? Do they seem to be aware of pain, or cold?
- 59) Were they clumsy as a child?
- 60) Are they clumsy now?
- 61) What sorts of things stress them?