

ELHT Integrated Social Communication Assessment  
Pathway  
Primary School Children  
Ages 5-10 years

# What is a Social Communication Assessment?

Your child has been referred to the Primary School Ages Social  
Communication Assessment Pathway for a Multi-Disciplinary  
Assessment.

## What can you expect?

On receipt of a referral form completed by a professional involved with your child and your parental form, you will be contacted by the ELHT 0-10 Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) team pathway administrator to acknowledge receipt of the referral and to inform you of the next steps.

If the referral **does not meet the criteria** for the pathway then you will be informed of this and will still receive information regarding accessing other services to support your child and family.

If the referral **does meet the criteria** for the pathway then you will be informed of this and the assessment will start: This will include:

- Signposting to other agencies for additional support whilst the Social Communication Assessment is proceeding.
- Obtaining consent from you for a multidisciplinary assessment, gathering information from a Neurodevelopmental Paediatrician/ School, Speech and Language Therapy, Psychology and discussion at the Social Communication Diagnostic Panel Meeting.
- Information including specialist questionnaires will then be requested from your child's school.

The following professionals may be involved in your child's social communication assessment.

## Clinical Psychology

Some children will be invited for specialist clinical psychology assessment.



## Speech and Language Therapy

All children have a speech and language and social communication observation assessment.



## Neurodevelopmental Paediatrician

All children are seen for a medical assessment and clinical examination. If investigations such as blood tests are required they will be discussed and then arranged at a separate appointment



## Specialist Teacher

Some children will have involvement of a specialist teacher



The Pathway Administrator will contact you at 3 monthly intervals to update you regarding the progress of your child's assessment.

## What do we expect from you?

You and your child will be invited to attend appointments with the professionals selected for your child. This may be virtually via video call technology and/or face to face.

**To enable a complete assessment it is important that you and your child attend all of the sessions that your child is invited to.**

**Missed appointments mean that we don't have the right information available at the right time and it will not be possible to complete the assessment.**

## Assessment Outcome:

Once all assessments have been completed

- Your child will then be listed for discussion at the Social Communication Assessment Panel. This is a professionals meeting to discuss the outcome of all the assessments, and agree a multidisciplinary assessment conclusion.
- The discussion will include agreeing a profile of your child's strengths and difficulties, agreeing any medical diagnosis and an ongoing support plan to meet the needs of your child.
- You will be contacted by one of the assessment team to discuss the assessment outcome with you. This may be either face to face or by telephone
- Depending on the age and preference your child can also be present and involved in the outcome discussion with you.
- A written summary of the assessment outcome and agreed support plan will then be shared with you, your GP and any other agencies you have consented for information to be shared with.

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We welcome feedback from you and  
your child at any time through the  
assessment and invite  
you to complete a short survey:



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