GSA CLINIC

Careful assessment. Clearer understanding.

AUTISM ASSESSMENT · SERVICE DEVELOPMENT OVERVIEW

Adults aged 18+ | Children and young people aged 6–17

GSA Clinic is developing autism assessment pathways that bring together a person's developmental story, current experiences, clinical evidence and support needs. This overview introduces the proposed service for commissioner and provider discussions.

A complete diagnostic pathway

1 Review and plan

Individual suitability review, consent, communication preferences and the evidence needed for an appropriate assessment.

2 Build the clinical picture

Developmental and current history, relevant collateral information and appropriate clinical observation. Methods should fit the person and the delivery setting.

3 Formulate and explain

Multidisciplinary consideration of diagnostic criteria, alternative explanations, co-occurring needs and uncertainty, followed by accessible feedback.

4 Report and support

A written outcome report, person-specific recommendations and agreed follow-up or signposting, whether or not diagnostic criteria are met.

Current stage

The clinical team is partly in place. Named staffing, complete clinical governance, locations, capacity and mobilisation dates remain to be confirmed. Bookings and patient referrals are not open. GSA Clinic is not currently advertising an NHS Right to Choose service.

Two pathways.
Clear responsibilities.

Adults aged 18+

The proposed adult service considers developmental and current experiences, strengths, functional needs, relevant health information and differential diagnoses. Earlier records or a childhood informant may help; when information is unavailable, the clinical team should consider alternatives and explain any uncertainty.

Children and young people aged 6–17

The proposed children's service makes room for the young person's voice alongside developmental history and relevant family and education information. The intended model includes appropriate multidisciplinary expertise, age-appropriate consent and participation, and face-to-face assessment where clinically indicated. An under-six pathway is outside the initial scope.

Delivery models for discussion

A complete diagnostic episode or clearly defined assessment components within an established provider's pathway. Any component agreement must state who owns diagnostic decisions, feedback, records, reporting, safeguarding and ongoing care. A component is not presented as a complete diagnosis.

Before mobilisation

The service specification, clinical team and indemnity, delivery arrangements, secure records and referrals, safeguarding and complaints processes, reporting, price, activity and mobilisation dates must be agreed and evidenced before patients are accepted. An assessment does not guarantee a diagnosis. Prices and available slots are not confirmed in this overview.

Company and next steps

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