

## Agency Contact Details

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## Sandwell Multi Agency Assessment for Autism

### Spectrum Disorder




Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals 

NHS Trust

Paediatric Directorate

Children's Therapies Service



Black Country Partnership 

NHS Foundation Trust



Your child has been referred for a Multi Agency Assessment (MAA) investigating whether a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder would be appropriate for your child.

The MAA will be completed by three different agencies which will include a Consultant Paediatrician or Consultant Psychiatrist, a Speech and Language Therapist and a Specialist Advisory Teacher. It could also include an Occupational Therapist.

To complete their assessments, professionals from each agency may look at any information or notes they already have for your child, arrange to meet with you, arrange to see your child in school or arrange to see your child in clinic.

The professionals completing the assessment will meet and reach one of three possible outcomes; they will either,

- Agree that a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder is appropriate for your child
- Agreed that a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder is NOT appropriate for your child
- Advise that further assessment is needed and set a date to review the decision.

Following the meeting a member of the panel, usually the person who started the assessment with you, will meet with you and let you know the outcome of the assessment.

## Sandwell's Multi Agency Assessment (MAA) process for exploring a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder.



- 3 agencies working with you and others are responsible for giving a diagnosis.
- The agencies will get to know your child in different places.
- To get a diagnosis your child needs difficulties in 3 areas.
- The agencies have a meeting where they discuss your child's skills to see if they agree your child has ASD.
- They will produce a report.
- The agency that started the MAA will tell you what was agreed at the meeting.