

Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

Survey about your experience of trying to get an assessment for your child

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Hello,

Healthwatch Wakefield has been aware for some time of the long waiting lists and the difficulties faced by parents and carers who want help to understand whether their child or children might be diagnosed as being on the autistic spectrum. As a way of finding out people's experiences, we are doing a survey of people who have been referred for, or have had an assessment in the last six months.

We would be very grateful if you could tell us about your experience of trying to get an assessment for autism for your child.

We are doing this survey on behalf of Wakefield NHS Clinical Commissioning Group and Pinderfields Hospital to help us understand what your experience of the assessment process has been and how you are coping if you are still on the waiting list for an assessment.

Everything you tell us is confidential and we are not asking for any personal details. It is up to you if you would like to take part; if you do your feedback will help us to improve services.

Healthwatch Wakefield works to help people get the best out of health and care services, whether it's improving them today or helping to shape them for tomorrow. More information on Healthwatch Wakefield is available at our website: www.healthwatchwakefield.co.uk

If you would like talk to someone about this, or if you'd like to do the survey by phone, please telephone **Safeen or Helen** on **01924 787379** and we will ring you back.

You could also text or ring Safeen on 0788 591 3395.

If you prefer to write your survey, please send it back using the prepaid envelope enclosed. Please feel free to include another piece of paper if you need to write more.

You can also do the survey online by typing this link into your browser:
<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/ASDsurvey/>

Thank you!

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