

Adult Autism Services in Calderdale and Kirklees - survey for parents, partners and carers

Thank you for taking part in this survey.

Healthwatch Calderdale would like to know more about your experiences of being a parent, partner or carer for an adult with an Autism Spectrum Condition (ASC) in Calderdale and Kirklees. We would like to find out about the issues you face and the support you get, including what works well and what doesn't.

We also want to hear from adults with ASC, so we have created a separate survey for them which can be accessed via this link: [Adult Autism Services survey](#)

We would like feedback on:

- Your experience of supporting an adult with ASC in Calderdale and Kirklees.
- The support you get from health, social care or community services as a parent, partner or carer of an adult with ASC.
- Any ideas you might have that could improve the services and support for adults with ASC and their parents, partners and carers.

Don't worry if you don't have feedback about all of those things, we would like to hear your feedback on any of these areas, so you can fill in as many or as few questions as you would like to on this survey.

If you have any questions about this survey or if you need any support to complete it, please do not hesitate to give Healthwatch Calderdale a call on 01422 399433, or email info@healthwatchcalderdale.co.uk

Please note that any views you share will remain confidential, and no personal identifiable information will be shared when reporting on the findings of the engagement.

The deadline for completing this survey is Friday 21st April 2017.

1. Which area do you live in?

- Calderdale
- Kirklees
- Other (please say)

2. Which of these statements best describes you?

- I am the parent/partner/carer of an adult with a diagnosed autism spectrum condition
- I am the parent/partner/carer of an adult with an autism spectrum condition but no formal diagnosis
- I am the parent/partner/carer of an adult with an autism spectrum condition who has a referral to the Autism Service and is waiting for an assessment

Waiting for an assessment and diagnosis

3. Please rate the experience of waiting for an assessment and diagnosis for an adult with ASC, was it :

- Very good
- Good
- Acceptable
- Poor
- Very poor

Please explain your rating:

The experience of diagnosis and assessment for adults with ASC

We would like to know about the experiences of assessment or diagnosis by South West Yorkshire NHS Partnership Foundation Trust (SWYT) Autism Service, also known as the Service for Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder, based in Wakefield.

4. Did your partner/relative receive their ASC diagnosis through the SWYT Autism Service?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

5. If no, please tell us where he/she was diagnosed.

6. How would you rate their experience of being diagnosed?

- Very good
- Good
- Acceptable
- Poor
- Very poor

Please explain your rating.

Social Care Assessment

7. Following their diagnosis, have they had a Social Care Assessment?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

I don't know (please specify)

Support following Social Care Assessment

8. Please tell us if they have received any support following their Social Care Assessment, e.g. practical assistance around the home, help with paperwork such as bills and letters, access to recreational facilities such as day centres and drop in clubs, assistance with travelling, access to supported living or residential care.

Please give details:

9. Please rate the support they received:

- Very good
- Good
- Acceptable
- Poor
- Very poor

Please explain the reason for your rating:

Have you been offered or requested a Carers Assessment?

10. Many carers are entitled to have their needs assessed by social services and support put in place to meet eligible needs. Have you had a Carers Assessment to assess your needs as a carer?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

I don't know (please specify)

Support for Carers

11. Were you found to be eligible for support following the Carers Assessment?

Yes

No

Support offered to Carers

12. What support were you offered?

13. How would you rate the support you were offered?

- Very good
- Good
- Acceptable
- Poor
- Very poor

Please explain your rating:

Tell us about your experience of supporting an adult with ASC

14. Please tell us a bit about the everyday challenges you face as someone who lives with or cares for an adult with ASC.

15. If you would like more support to help deal with these challenges please tell us what kind of support that would be.

16. What do you think could be done to improve services and support for adults with ASC and the people who care for them in your area?

Equality monitoring

It's really important to the Healthwatch in West Yorkshire that we ask a diverse group of people for their views about these initiatives. To make sure that we do this, we ask people to give us some information about themselves, and we review this regularly to check we are not discriminating against any group of people by not asking for their views.

If you can, please take the time to give us this information.

17. What is the first part of your postcode? e.g. HD1, WF10, BD4, LS13, HX6

If you would prefer not to say, please leave the box blank

18. What sex are you?

Male Female Prefer not to say

19. How old are you? e.g. 42

If you would prefer not to say, please leave the box blank

20. Which country were you born in?

If you would prefer not to say, please leave the box blank

21. Do you belong to any religion?

- Buddhism
- Christianity
- Hinduism
- Islam
- Judaism
- Sikhism
- No religion
- Prefer not to say
- Other (please specify)

22. What is your ethnic group?

- Asian or Asian British: Indian
- Asian or Asian British: Pakistani
- Asian or Asian British: Bangladeshi
- Asian or Asian British: Chinese
- Black or Black British: Caribbean
- Black or Black British: African
- Mixed or multiple ethnic groups: White and Black Caribbean
- Mixed or multiple ethnic groups: White and Black African
- Mixed or multiple ethnic groups: White and Asian
- White: English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish, British
- White: Irish
- White: Gypsy or Irish Traveller
- Other ethnic groups: Arab
- Prefer not to say
- Any other ethnic group

23. Do you consider yourself to be disabled?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

24. Types of impairment:

If you selected yes to the question above, please tick all that apply

- Physical or mobility impairment (such as using a wheelchair to get around and / or difficulty using your arms)
- Sensory impairment (such as being blind / having a serious visual impairment or being deaf / having a serious hearing impairment)
- Mental health condition (such as depression or schizophrenia)
- Learning disability (such as Downs syndrome or dyslexia) or cognitive impairment (such as autism or head-injury)
- Long term condition (such as cancer, HIV, diabetes, chronic heart disease, or epilepsy)
- Prefer not to say

25. Are you a carer?

Do you look after, or give any help or support to a family member, friend or neighbour because of a long term physical disability, mental ill-health or problems related to age?

- Yes No Prefer not to say

26. Are you pregnant?

- Yes No Prefer not to say

27. Have you given birth in the last 6 months?

- Yes No Prefer not to say

28. What is your sexual orientation?

- Bisexual (both sexes)
- Gay (same sex)
- Heterosexual/straight (opposite sex)
- Lesbian (same sex)
- Other
- Prefer not to say

29. Are you transgender?

Is your gender identity different to the sex you were assumed at birth?

- Yes No Prefer not to say

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Again, thank you for taking the time to complete this survey today.

Healthwatch Calderdale is pulling together all the feedback that people have shared with Healthwatch across Calderdale and Kirklees.

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If you would like to know more about the results of this survey or if you want more information about what will happen to your feedback please contact us info@healthwatchcalderdale.co.uk