



Autism Service

**Autism Screening:
A social story**

You might have been referred to the Autism Service for a screening by your GP, another professional or yourself.



The Screening will take place in Barnet Mencap office, at 35 Hendon Lane, N3 1RT



When you arrive, make yourself known to reception or to the person who opened the door for you



**Your Autism Adviser will come to meet you
and take you to the room where the screening
will take place**



**The screening consists of an interview with
yourself**



**We will also fill some questionnaires with
you....**



If possible, we would like to talk to someone that has known you since childhood, to gather more information about your difficulties.

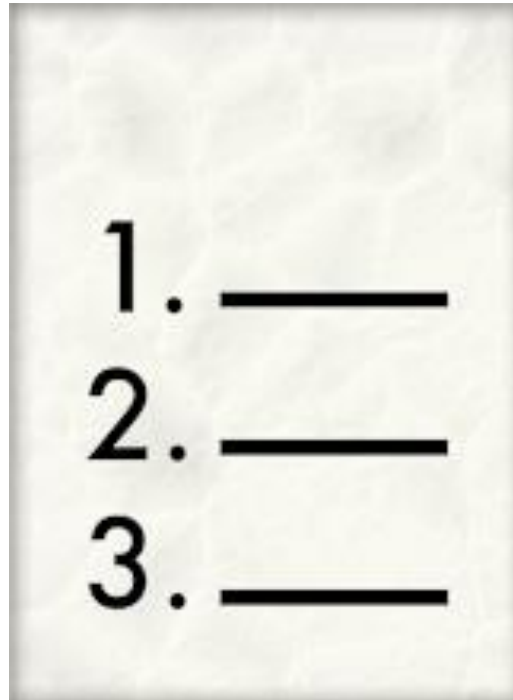


The whole screening will take at least 2 hours.

**We might need to make a second
appointment if we need more information**



**You might want to prepare for this meeting:
some people find it useful to write down a list
of difficulties they face.**



1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

**At the end of the screening we will be able to
tell you the result.**

**A positive screening means you are likely to
be autistic**

**A negative screening means you are NOT
likely to be autistic.**



If you choose to, we can inform your GP of your results, so they can make a note on your medical records.



If you had a positive screening, you might want to be referred to the hospital for a formal Autism assessment



You don't have to, this is your choice.

Receiving a positive screening can be very emotional for some people and might create more doubts than answers.



That is why the Autism Service is offering different free workshops to help you have a greater understanding of the condition. Your adviser will give you all this information and will book you in these sessions.

Workshops are free but a £10 refundable deposit is required to guarantee that the sessions can go ahead, so bring cash with you!



**The waiting time to be seen at the hospital is around 12-14 months, so do not wait for that appointment to take place to start taking control of your condition.
Start as soon as possible!**



Whether you decide to be referred to the hospital or not, you can still be supported by the Autism Service.

