

Newly Diagnosed

For those children and young people who are receiving their diagnosis through the Autism Spectrum Assessment Pathway at Doncaster Royal Infirmary, there will be an Autism Family Practitioner present at the ***hospital feedback appointment***.

The Practitioner will provide an ***Information Pack*** tailored to the needs of that particular child and family. This Practitioner will then work with the family to arrange a ***follow up appointment*** within six weeks.

This appointment can be shaped to meet the particular needs of the family. The follow up appointment may for example take place at the family home one evening when wider family can be part of the discussions, or it may be more appropriate that the Practitioner attends a multi-professional meeting at the child's school. This will be for the family to decide, with the support of their Autism Family Practitioner. The appointment provides a space for you to consider what the diagnosis means and what you might want to happen next. The Practitioner is there to help answer some of your questions.

The Autism Family Practitioner Service is moving from NHS (RDASH Trust) to the Local Authority (Education – SEND) on 1st April 2016.

The three current practitioners all plan to remain in health posts and so the Local Authority will be looking at recruiting a new team in April 2016.

This may take a little time to make sure the right workers are found, and so there might be a temporary gap in the service offered to newly diagnosed families in early Spring 2016.

Please keep a look out on the Local Offer website for updates.