



Autism Accreditation

Information for families and carers

Who are we?

The National Autistic Society is the UK's leading charity for autistic people and their families.

All our work is guided by our vision, mission and values, which have been developed alongside autistic people and family members.

What is Autism Accreditation?

Autism Accreditation is the National Autistic Society's programme for assessing the quality of support directly offered to autistic children or adults.

Autism Specialist Award

An award aimed at specialist providers in the education, social care and prison fields.

Autism Inclusion Award

An award aimed at mainstream providers in education, general health, community activities and the criminal justice system.

How to get involved?

Feedback from autistic people and/or their families is crucial to the accreditation process and forms part of the accreditation criteria.

Autistic individuals and their family members are experts in their care and support needs and so are best placed to recognise what works well and what could be improved.

A questionnaire will be sent to you at the time of the assessment to gather your views.

Safeguarding

Please be aware that your comments will be shared with the school/service and included in the accreditation report. Do not include any personal or identifying details in your comments if you wish to remain anonymous.

The National Autistic Society does not have the authority to investigate, intervene or mediate on your behalf if a complaint is raised about the school/service. We would advise following the complaints procedure of the school/service or contacting the relevant regulatory body such as Ofsted or the CQC.

If we are concerned that you or someone else is at risk of harm then we may need to share this information with external agencies such as the police or social care. We encourage you to report any safeguarding concerns to the relevant agency directly, if you are able to do so. You can find out more about this on our urgent help page:

www.autism.org.uk/contact-us/urgent-help

What does the Accreditation Award mean?

Provisions awarded accreditation:

- demonstrate personalised support based on assessed need
- demonstrate positive outcomes for those supported
- involve autistic people and those that know them best in planning support
- show a commitment to develop further.

Find out more:



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