

## ASC Assessment

### What is a Diagnostic Assessment?

An autism spectrum assessment is a comprehensive evaluation conducted by qualified professionals to determine whether an individual meets the criteria for an autism spectrum disorder condition (ASC). This assessment aims to gather information about various aspects of the individual's behaviour, development, and social interaction to make an accurate diagnosis and develop appropriate intervention strategies.

At BASE, every assessment is conducted by our multidisciplinary team and involves professionals from various fields. The diagnostic assessments we complete meet national guidelines for excellence. After assessment we develop an individualised intervention plan that addresses the specific needs and strengths of the person being assessed.

### Process of the Assessment

Our assessments are completed over a few weeks and involve gathering information and different perspectives to ensure we obtain a rich understanding of the person we are assessing.

Here are key components typically involved in an autism spectrum assessment.

**Clinical Interview:** An in-depth conversation with the parents, care givers, or individual to gather information about the individual's developmental history, social behaviours, communication skills, and any other relevant factors.

**Observation:** This phase of the assessment phase is conducted in our clinical space in Binfield, Berkshire. At BASE we use the Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule, second edition (ADOS-2). The ADOS-2 is a semi-structured, standardised assessment of communication, social interaction, play, and restricted and repetitive behaviours. It is recommended in the national guidelines for the assessment of autism spectrum conditions (ASC)'s as it allows you to accurately assess and diagnose ASC across age, developmental level, and language skill.

**Collaboration with other professionals:** Where necessary we will liaise with members of the education system for the person, speech and language therapists, occupational therapists, and other specialists to gather additional insights into the individual's behavior and development.

### Assessment Stages

Our assessment process follows a phased approach, which means that after each stage an individual can choose whether they bring the process to an end or continue. Working in this way ensures we are always working with our individuals' best interests in mind, and that the assessment phases are appropriate and clinically indicated.

### Autism Spectrum Condition (ASC) Assessment

<b>Stage of Assessment</b>	<b>Assessment Type</b>	<b>Further Information</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Phase 1	Screening Session	Screening call or online session to gain clarity on presenting needs and difficulties. Relevant measures sent out for completion. Will include recommendations for further assessment and support.	£150
Phase 2	Developmental History Taking.	The ADI-R will be completed, along with gathering any further relevant information from individuals and professionals involved.	£650
Phase 3	Behavioural Observation & Feedback Session	Completion of the ADOS-2 with the individual. The feedback session will be focused on sharing the results from assessment process, and provide a thorough report, and recommendations for ongoing support.	£1200
<b>Total cost of full ASC Assessment £2000</b>			

### Combined ASC and ADHD Assessment

<b>Stage of Assessment</b>	<b>Assessment Type</b>	<b>Further Information</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Phase 1	Screening Session	Screening call or online session to gain clarity on presenting needs and difficulties. Relevant measures sent out for completion. Will include recommendations for further assessment and support.	£150
Phase 2	Developmental History Taking.	The ADI-R will be completed, along with gathering any further relevant information from individuals and professionals involved.	£650
Phase 3	Combined Behavioural Assessment for ASC, ADHD and Feedback session	MDT facilitation of the ADOS-2, QB Check and Connors psychometrics or ASRS-v1.2 with the individual. The feedback session will be focused on sharing the results from assessment process, and provide a thorough report, and recommendations for ongoing support.	£2,200
<b>Total cost of full Combined Assessment £3000</b>			