

What is an ADI-R?

ADI-R stands for Autism Diagnostic Interview – Revised. The ADI-R can be used to help provide information in the assessment of a child for an Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

The ADI-R is a comprehensive assessment carried out with the parent(s) or carer who is most familiar with the child and their development since birth.

You will be asked questions from three main areas: language and communication, social interactions and restricted and repetitive behaviours.

It is sometimes helpful to bring the child's red book or any early health records you may have to act as a memory aid.

What happens during the interview?

The clinician will ask the parent a range of questions covering:

- Background: family, education, previous diagnoses and medications
- Child's behaviour
- Early development and milestones
- Language development
- Social development
- Play and Imagination
- Interests and behaviour

It might be helpful if you can think about these areas prior to your appointment.

The assessment can last between one and two hours, possibly longer.

Following the assessment...

The clinician will review the information given and write a full report summarising the assessment.

The ADI-R forms one part of the assessment for your child and other observations and assessments may be needed before a diagnosis can be made.

Once all assessments are completed the team will discuss these and come to a conclusion about a diagnosis for your child.

An appointment will then be made with you to feedback the outcome of the assessments.