# Action for ASD Diagnostic Pathway



**ACTION FOR AUTISTIC SPECTRUM DISORDERS** 

## Diagnostic pathway

Referral Triage Screening Assessment

#### Referral

- Recently re-written to include more ASD symptomology and identify service user/ referrer goals
- AQ-10 has been replaced with RAADS-14

## Triage

- Additional information requested to aide decision
- Allows for a quicker response time
- Expedition issues

## Screening assessment

#### Consists of:

- Adult Adolescent Sensory Profile
- Developmental Questionnaire
- Semi-structured interview to elicit ASD symptoms
- Risk assessment

#### Outcome

- High probability of diagnosis → Placed on Action for ASD Diagnosis and Assessment waiting list
- Do not meet criteria → Signposted on to appropriate local services
- Risk identified: Referred to Crisis team/ Adult Safeguarding/ GP

## Diagnostic Assessment

- Diagnostic Interview for Social Communication Disorders (DISCO)
- Clients are seen over minimum of two appointments totalling 5 hours.
- Draft reports sent to client for comment and discussion on recommendations
- Where necessary and appropriate members of the team will attend
  CPA meetings to present outcomes and recommendations
- Safeguarding/ Risk issues will be actioned