

# A free service for adults living in Barnet with a diagnosis/suspected diagnosis of High Functioning Autism



Barnet Mencap's Autism Service is a free service for adults with high functioning autism who live in Barnet or have a GP in Barnet.

#### What is High Functioning Autism?

It means that the person has autism but does not have a learning disability. Contact us if you're unsure if this might apply to you.

For more information on self referrals and professional referrals, please visit <u>www.barnetmencap.org.uk</u>

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Barnet Mencap was established in 1965 and for over fifty years it has provided advice, information and support for people with learning disabilities and people with autism and their family carers.

Barnet Mencap is a leading charity for children and adults with learning disabilities and their families and campaign with people with learning disabilities and adults with autism and their families to secure high quality services and support in the borough.

## You can learn more about Barnet Mencap, find more information and resources and self refer by visiting our website



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#### **Autism Screening**

The Autism Service offers a FREE Autism Screening to adults living in Barnet or who have a GP in Barnet.

If you suspect you might have autism and you do not have a learning disability you can self refer to our service, or you can be referred by a professional.

The screening is the first step in the NHS pathway for adults with suspected autism in Barnet. If you want to receive a formal diagnosis of Autism you need to contact us first.

The screening consists of, at least, one 2 hour appointment with an autism advisor. In this appointment, you will be asked about your difficulties, current and past, and at least one questionnaire will be completed.

You do not need to prepare for this appointment, there are no right or wrong answers, but you might want to start thinking about the reasons that have prompted you to request the appointment and write them down. If possible, we will request that you attend the appointment with a person that knew you as a child and can provide additional information about your difficulties in your early years.

For more information about screenings or to refer yourself or somebody else, call Barnet Mencap on 020 8349 3842 or email

projectsupport@barnetmencap.org.uk.

**Free Autism Training:** We offer a range of free workshops covering issues relating to autism. Sessions are free but a refundable £10 deposit is requested to ensure the workshop can go ahead. If you are on benefits, do contact us to discuss your case.

**Events and Activities:** We offer a monthly range of free social activities and events, such as day trips, art groups and meals out.

**Peer Support Group:** A group which takes place on the last Thursday of every month. This is not a drop-in service, you must book.

**Peer support group for partners, family and carers of adults:** A safe, non-judgemental space for people who support an adult with high functioning autism. Dates tbc.

Autism Diagnosis Informative Sessions: Free onehour session to inform you about the diagnosis process.

**Outreach and drop-in:** We attend community events throughout the year and also hold a monthly drop in at Middlesex University.

**Mentoring:** 1-2-1 sessions available to support you with specific difficulties.

**Autism specific advisory Service:** Information, advice and support to adults living in Barnet who have autism.

For more details or to receive our events calendars, contact christine.lesmes@barnetmencap.org.uk