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This information is to

- Tell you what your rights are in the needs assessment
- To find out if the person doing your needs assessment is doing everything they should be.

There is a dictionary of some of the words in this information that are harder to understand. Have a look at the 'know your rights campaign dictionary' if you don't know what a word means.


The law

A law means a rule that everyone has to follow.












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|  | <p>There are laws that help to keep people with Autism safe and to make sure that people with Autism get the right support.</p> <p>There is a list of laws in the law document</p> |
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Needs assessments


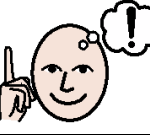




A needs assessment is how someone would check what help you might need to do everyday tasks.

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|  | <p>The Care Act says that all local authorities (social care) and the NHS (health care) teams must do a list of things.</p> |
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| | You can use the checklist below to see if there is anything else you're your local authority or NHS need to do to help you when they are doing your needs assessment. | | |
| The duty to assess | |  Yes |  No |
|  | Have you had a needs assessment- has anyone from the council checked what help you need to do everyday tasks? | | |
|  | Did you get a copy of your assessment in a way that you could understand (easy read)? | | |
| The duty to include | |  Yes |  No |
|  | Did you get a copy of the assessment before someone came to do the assessment with you? | | |
| The duty to involve | |  Yes |  No |
|  | Did you have enough time to do your assessment? | | |
|  | Could you ask people who are important to you and who know you well to the assessment? | | |


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| The duty to address relationships and understanding | | ✓ Yes | ✗ No |
|  | Do you think the assessor knows you? | | |
|  | Do you think the assessor understands you? | | |
| The duty to address communication needs | | ✓ Yes | ✗ No |
|  | Did the assessor communicate with you in the way you want? | | |
| The duty to provide an independent advocate | | ✓ Yes | ✗ No |
|  | Do you need an advocate? | | |
|  | Has the council helped you to get an advocate? | | |
| The duty to identify outcomes | | ✓ Yes | ✗ No |
|  | Has the assessor asked you what is important to you? | | |
| The duty to be open and transparent | | ✓ Yes | ✗ No |



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|  | <p>Has the assessor sent you clear information about funding costs for the support you need?</p> | | |
|  | <p>Was the information about your fees easy to understand?</p> | | |

After the assessment

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|  | <p>The council should send you a copy of your assessment.</p> <p>The council should send you a Care Plan. A Care Plan tells you what help the council think you need.</p> <p>You can keep these somewhere safe</p> |
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The assessor

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|  | <p>Has the assessor met you before?</p> <p>It is really important that the assessor has met you more than one time.</p> <p>It is important that the assessor understands how your needs change.</p> |
|  | <p>The law says that councils have to check that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anyone who makes decisions about the lives of adults with autism needs to have the right knowledge and skills. • An assessor who does a needs assessment has the right knowledge and skills • An assessor who does the needs |

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| | <p>assessment has been trained</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the assessor doesn't know about Autism they need to talk to someone who knows a lot about Autism |
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Please fill in the boxes below

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|  Name | |
|  @ Your contact details | |
|  Assessor | |
|  Local Authority | |

Is it ok for us to use the information you have written on this form?

The Autism Alliance wants to use the information

- to help to see what is happening in needs assessments
- to help to make needs assessments better for the people who are having them.

Please tick yes or no.

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|  Yes | |  No | |
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