



Autism Accreditation

Information for Families and Carers

Who are we?

The National Autistic Society is the UK's leading charity for people on the autism spectrum and their families.

All our work is guided by our vision, mission and values, which have been developed alongside autistic people and family members.

What is Autism Accreditation?

Autism Accreditation is the National Autistic Society's programme for assessing the quality of support directly offered to autistic children or adults.

Autism Specialist Award

An award aimed at specialist providers in the education, social care and prison fields.

Autism Inclusion Award

An award aimed at mainstream providers in education, general health, community activities and the criminal justice system.

How can you be involved?

Feedback from autistic people and/or their families is crucial to the accreditation process and forms part of the accreditation criteria.

Autistic individuals and their family members are experts in their care and support needs and so are best placed to recognise what works well and what could be improved.

A questionnaire will be sent to you at the time of the assessment to gather your views.

What does the Accreditation Award mean?

Provisions awarded accreditation:

- Demonstrate personalised support based on assessed need
- Demonstrate positive outcomes for those supported
- Involve the autistic people and those that know them best in planning support
- Show a commitment to develop further

