



Autism SA provides services and support to individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders, their families and the communities in which they live, attend school and / or work. For further information regarding the range of services offered, refer to the Autism SA "Outline of Services" brochure.

In order to access services from Autism SA it is necessary for individuals to be diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder and the diagnosis must be accepted by the Diagnostic Team of Autism SA. Currently in South Australia, there are several options for families or adults seeking an assessment for autism or Asperger syndrome.

- Autism SA is funded to conduct diagnostic assessments (see attached: Diagnostic Procedure for Autism SA). *Written* referrals, from parents or professionals, are necessary for an individual to go on the waiting list. There is a fee for this service.
- In line with international recommendations for best practice, the Diagnostic Team of Autism SA accept diagnoses that are made in the community by professionals who are experienced in the diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorders and who work in a multi-disciplinary setting. Assessments that meet the above criteria can be accessed at the following facilities:

Child Development Unit                      **Women's and Children's Hospital**  
Contact: Coordinator                      Phone: 8161 7000  
includes Infant Team, CDU and School Age Complex Case Assessment Team  
(usual catchment area from Dawes Road to Grand Junction Road)

Child Development Unit                      **Lyell McEwin Hospital**  
Contact: Coordinator                      Phone: 8182 9000  
(usual catchment area north of Grand Junction Road)

Child Assessment Team                      **Flinders Medical Centre**  
Contact: Coordinator                      Phone: 8204 4459  
(usual catchment area south of Dawes Road)

Assessments carried out by these teams are free. Referral procedures, waiting lists and eligibility to access the teams varies between the hospitals. For individuals who are diagnosed at one of the above hospitals to access services from Autism SA, the Diagnostic Team must receive appropriate reports detailing how the assessment was conducted, what diagnostic criteria were used and how the individual met the criteria.

- The Diagnostic Team of Autism SA maintains a list of **professionals** in **private practice** across Adelaide that families or individuals may see for a diagnostic assessment. These professionals have agreed that Autism SA can provide their contact details to interested families and individuals. These details are available by contacting the Diagnostic Team at Autism SA. It is necessary for individuals to be seen by two of these professionals to follow the multi-disciplinary model of assessment. Members of Autism SA's Diagnostic Team are available to conduct the second professional assessment if required.
- Individuals from **interstate** or **overseas** who have been diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder are eligible for services from Autism SA after the Diagnostic Team has sighted copies of diagnostic report(s) detailing the assessment tools and how the person met the criteria.

Once the Diagnostic Team has accepted an individual as a client of Autism SA, services are offered to the family or the individual. The parents / caregivers of the child, or the individual themselves (if over 18 years), must consent to receiving services before Autism SA can be involved in service provision.

**For further information, please contact:**

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