

Private ADHD &/or ASD screening assessment and diagnosis

Every individual ADHD/ASD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder and Autistic Spectrum Disorder) person is unique and experiences the world in their own way. As with many other aspects of human neurodiversity, such as autism, ADHD and ASD have long been framed largely in negative terms. ADHD and ASD individuals may be to a greater or lesser extent, and with significant individual variability forgetful, absent-minded, easily distracted and easily bored.

Yet by focusing only on negatives as compared with neuro-typical individuals. It is very easy for those not working with or educated in the complexities of neuro divergence to only focus on the negative aspects of neuro-diversity and not see the positive aspects, such as out of the box thinking, an ability to think abstractly to name just one or two.

ADHD Norfolk and Different Minds UK are independent entities working in partnership with each other to provide the highest level of care and support to neuro-diverse individuals. All ADHD-ASD Norfolk's services are delivered by its partnering organisation Different Minds East Anglia LLP. The clinical team is multi-disciplined consisting of a Psychiatrist, Psychologists, Psychotherapists and ADHD coaches/psycho-educators and counsellors.

Steps to screening and full diagnosis.

1. E-mail enquiries@adhdnorfolk.org.uk to book a consultation for your initial screening, at the screening we screen for both Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder and Autism Spectrum Disorder (ADHD & ASD). If you are unsure that ADHD or ASD is presenting please contact us for a short telephone consultation where we can talk to you and guide you before you book a screening consultation.
2. Once you have attended the screening a consultation a report will be sent to you within 21 working days, this may be delayed if you have not provided all the documentation we ask for.
3. If you would like to progress to a full formal diagnosis after you have received the screening report, please email and request a full diagnosis consultation. The diagnosis will be undertaken and led by a GMC registered psychiatrist and include a multi-disciplinary team.



4. After your full diagnosis we will write to your GP and advise them of the formal ADHD or ASD diagnosis, then also send you a copy of the diagnosis letter we had sent to your GP by email for you to show the school/university or employer should you wish.
5. Adults over 17 years of age. We will undertake a full formal diagnosis for you however **we do not medicate adults**. Once you have a full diagnosis we will ask your GP to refer you to the adult NHS ADHD pathway should you decide that you would like to try medication.
6. Children 6 to 17 years of age. We will after diagnosis and if medication is appropriate start medication if our doctor deems medication appropriate. We will only prescribe atomoxetine, we will not prescribe central nervous system stimulants such as methylphenidate or lisdexafetamine. We will also refer your child to the NHS paediatric service via your GP if you live in Norfolk, as the 2023 Norfolk NDS protocol for ADHD medication and private clinics directs.
7. Should you wish to be prescribed medication for your child we will require your GP to listen to the child's heart sounds and deem that they are normal and also indicate that at the time of the heart sound check the individual is not presenting with any physical illness. Please make sure that your GP will carry out a heart sound check before booking with us. We will not prescribe without the forgoing.
8. For under 17 year old patients who live outside Norfolk, we will once medication is titrated and optimised, write to your GP to request continued prescribing of medication. A GP can accept or decline as that is their right to do so.
9. **Professional fees.**
 - **ADHD & ASD screening** and report £350.00 payable at the time of booking
 - **ADHD full diagnosis** after screening £750.00 payable at the time of booking
 - **ASD full diagnosis** after screening (2 further consultations ADI-R, ADOS-2 and ABAS-3) and comprehensive report £1500.00
 - **ADHD coaching/counselling/psycho-education** £95.00 per session.

10. We offer coaching for ADHD & ASD in the clinic for individuals, couples and families the cost per session is £95.00, we also offer coaching for individuals at their school travel charges may be added to the coaching fee.
11. One year of medication reviews for ADHD medicated under 18's is included in the diagnosis fee. If you require support and medication reviews after year one a fee of £200 for the following year will be payable.
12. All ADHD-ASD Norfolk's services are delivered by Different Minds East Anglia, our multidisciplinary team consists of a GMC registered psychiatrist, psychologists, psychotherapists, ADHD/ASD coaches and counsellors. We also have a team who will visit and work within schools to assist with coaching neurodiverse children, or training teachers and Senco's with regard to neurodiversity. Our clinic can also offer access to work packages to assist adults within the workplace.
13. To assist in alleviating ADHD symptoms exercise should be increased and alcohol/recreational narcotics reduced or eliminated. Sugar should also be reduced as far as practicably achievable from your diet.
14. Once you have your appointment confirmed and payment has been made any cancellations made within 96 hours of your appointment or failure to attend the clinic at the appointed day and time will be chargeable in full. Unfortunately we are unable to fill appointments cancelled at short notice.
15. By booking a screening appointment confirms that you agree to the terms as set out in this document irrespective of you signing the document, and that all and any documentation given to us by you to assist in the screening and diagnosis, and any information given by you at the screening and diagnosis will be accurate and true.
16. We follow NICE guidelines and diagnose in line with DSM-V guidance criteria.
17. NICE NG87 refers to the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence guidelines on Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) in children, young people, and adults. These guidelines, last updated in September 2018, provide recommendations on the identification, assessment, and treatment of ADHD. Specifically, NG87 emphasises the importance of considering ADHD behaviours across two domains.

In the home setting, NICE recommends that healthcare professionals assess ADHD behaviours within the family environment. This includes understanding how symptoms manifest in day-to-day activities, interactions with family members, and the overall impact on familial relationships and functioning. Assessing ADHD within the home domain allows for a comprehensive understanding of the individual's behaviour in a more relaxed and informal context.

Simultaneously, NICE underscores the significance of evaluating ADHD behaviours within the work, school or educational setting. This involves examining the individual's performance, interactions with peers and teachers, and any challenges faced in academic and non-academic activities. Assessing ADHD in both home school and work environments provides a holistic perspective, ensuring that the diagnosis and subsequent interventions are tailored to the individual's needs across different aspects of their life.

We will also ask that you provide in addition to documentation sent to you for completion, ask that two statements from others who have known the person being assessed for a significant period sets out how any of the following behaviours may be present in or impair the ADHD person's life.

- Inattentiveness
- Poor concentration
- Difficulty focussing
- Difficulty sitting still
- Blurting out
- Multiple job moves
- Interrupting conversation
- Difficulty with organisation
- Being forgetful
- Relationship difficulties
- Not appearing to listen
- Difficulty following instructions
- Emotional regulation issues
- Zoning out
- Easily distracted

Please do not make any appointments with us for ADHD or ASD screening coaching or diagnosis, until you have read this document in full, understand the document and agree to its terms and conditions. Once read and agreed please sign and bring it to your screening consultation.

I have read and agree to the above;

Name _____

Mobile No. _____

Signed _____

E.mail _____

Date ____/____/____

How to find us.



Important:
Parking is not available at the clinic,

Parking is available on Stracey Road, Limited spaces on Cotman Road or at lower Clarence road pay and display car park, 5 mins walk away. Alternatively Morrisons riverside car park is free for 2 hours and is a 10 min walk to us.