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Assessment: Story-Based Intervention

[person's name]

Why we have written this story

After meeting many parents during our Pearl Centre open sessions, we realised that parents are frightened about telling their children that they are going through Autism diagnosis. Parents have told us that they don't want to worry their children until they are sure there is a diagnosis. But it is vital for future progress that children;

- understand why professionals are involved,
- understand that their parents have a 'support team' role rather than a 'fix-it' role,
- understand their own personal responsibility towards the future management of their ASD.

So we have written a Social story to support parents in beginning this discussion with their children. We have deliberately not used the word Autism or Asperger's in this story as not every child will gain this diagnosis. Also this means that the story can be used when seeking dyslexia, ADHD or other associated diagnosis.

This story based intervention is a template. You can either use the child's name or a pronoun depending on their language ability. You can also add photographs or pictures if this may add understanding.

We would appreciate feedback on the usage of this as this helps us refine and develop other tools.



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Mum and Dad are worried about [person's name]

Place
your image
here



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**We notice [person's name]
struggles with some things and we
want to help**

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here



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**We will visit a team to discuss this
so we can find out the best way to
help [person's name]**

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**Mum and dad think [person's
name] brain might work
differently to ours**

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**The team may be able to help us
understand why**

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**We may meet lots of people in the
team who will talk to us**

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your image
here



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**[person's name] may be asked
questions or asked to do a task**

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your image
here



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**This is ok, it helps the team to
understand why [person's name]
brain works differently**

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your image
here