

Private ADHD &/or ASD screening assessment and diagnosis, Coaching and Adaptive Behaviour Screening Assessments.

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, absentminded, 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 neurodiversity 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-ASD Norfolk and Different Minds UK are independent entities working in partnership with each other to provide the highest level of diagnosis and guidance to neurodiverse individuals.

All ADHD-ASD Norfolk's services are delivered by its partnering organisation Different Minds East Anglia. The clinical team is multi-disciplined consisting of a GMC registered Psychiatrist, HCPC Psychologists, Psychotherapists and ADHD coaches/psycho-educators and neuro diversity counsellors.

Steps to screening and full diagnosis, coaching or Adaptive behaviour assessments

1. E-mail enquiries@adhdnorfolk.org.uk to book a consultation for your initial screening or Adaptive behaviour assessment, at the screening we will 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 telephone consultation where we can talk to you and guide you before you book a consultation.
2. Once you have attended the screening or adaptive behaviour assessment, a consultation 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 at the time of the screening or adaptive behaviour assessment. If you do not provide all documentation requested within 3 months of your assessment an additional fee may be charged to review your file after this date.

3. If you meet criteria and would like to progress to a full formal diagnosis for ADHD or ASD 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 as part of a multi-disciplinary team.

After your full diagnosis we will write to your GP and advise them of the formal ADHD or ASD diagnosis, we also send you a copy of the diagnosis report to you for you to show school/university or an employer should you wish.

4. **Children under 17, If you live in Norfolk** and are seeking medication for your child after a full ADHD diagnosis, we will refer you to the NHS paediatric service via your GP as per the 2023 Norfolk paediatric protocol for ADHD medication and private clinics. We are a recognised ADHD diagnosing clinic by Norfolk County Council
5. **Children under 17, If you live outside of Norfolk** as you are entering private health care, 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 indicate that at the time of the heart sound check the individual is not presenting with any physical illness other than that shown on the patient summary as provided at the screening consultation.

After diagnosis and after we have received this information, if medication is deemed appropriate by our GMC registered psychiatrist prescriber, they will initiate a trial of medication.

We will only prescribe Atomoxetine a non-stimulant ADHD medication, we do not prescribe stimulant medication. Please note you will be responsible for purchasing any medication prescribed by us from a normal pharmacy, we provide you with a private prescription free of charge.

Once medication has been titrated and optimised, we will write to your GP to request continued prescribing of medication. A GP can accept or decline this request as that is their right to do so.

Please make sure that your GP will carry out a heart sound check on your child before booking with us. We will not prescribe without the forgoing.

6. One year of medication reviews for ADHD medication for under 17's who are located outside of Norfolk is included in the diagnosis fee. If you require medication reviews and prescriptions after year one, a fee of £200 per year for the following years will be payable.



7. Professional fees.

- **ADHD & ASD screening and report** £375.00 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 ABAS3 document for completion) inclusive of comprehensive report £1500.00. Please note that some appointments may be recorded.

- **ADHD coaching/counselling/psychoeducation**

We offer coaching and psychoeducation sessions 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. Access to work coaching fees are £105.00 per session.

- **Adaptive behaviour assessment including detailed report (ABAS-3) £255**

The ABAS-3 (Adaptive Behaviour Assessment System, Third Edition) test is an essential tool for assessing adaptive functioning in individuals, particularly those who are neurodiverse. Neurodiversity refers to the natural variation in the human brain, encompassing conditions such as autism, ADHD, dyslexia, and others. The ABAS-3 evaluates critical domains such as communication, social skills, self-care, and academics, which are often areas where individuals with neurodiverse conditions may face challenges.

Undertaking the ABAS-3 allows for a comprehensive understanding of how well an individual can manage daily activities in different environments, such as home, school, and the community. It highlights both strengths and areas where additional support may be needed, which is especially valuable for tailoring interventions to the individual's specific needs. For example, neurodiverse individuals might show strengths in particular areas, such as academics or logical reasoning, but face difficulties with social communication or executive functioning.

Furthermore, understanding an individual's adaptive behaviour through this assessment can help parents, educators, and healthcare professionals make informed decisions about care and support services or progression to screening for ADHD or ASD and full diagnosis. In the context of neurodiversity, the ABAS-3 offers a clearer, data-driven picture of a person's functioning,



8. 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 neuro-diverse children, or training teachers and SENCo's regarding neurodiversity.

Our clinic can also offer access to work packages to assist adults within the workplace.

9. We diagnose in line with ICD-11 and DSM-V guidance criteria.
10. 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. 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 in a second domain within the work, school, educational setting or elsewhere. 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, work and other 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 ask that you provide in addition to documentation sent to you for completion, two statements from others who have known the person being assessed for a significant period detailing how any of the following behaviours may be present in or impair the person's life. One statement can be from a family member and one from a person in a second domain.

14. To assist in alleviating ADHD symptoms physical exercise should be increased and alcohol/recreational narcotics reduced or eliminated. Sugar should also be reduced as far as practicably achievable from your diet.
15. Once you have your appointment confirmed and payment has been made any cancellations made within 48 working 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. If you wish to reschedule an appointment within 4 working weeks of your booked date a fee will apply of £150.00



16. 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.

Please do not make any appointments with us for ADHD, ASD screening, coaching, adaptive behaviour assessment 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: _____ Date ____/____/____

Email: _____

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.