

What is the AOT?

The Autism Outreach Team (AOT) is available across the County to support pupils, parents and schools. The team works predominantly with those pupils with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) in mainstream schools.

Where is the team based?

We are based at:
The Flash Ley Centre
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Who is in the Team?

Service Manager:

Julia Anderson

Team Manager of AOT:

Julie Birchall

Team Co-ordinator of AOT:

Jan Goodwin

Plus Advisory Teachers and
Communication Support Workers

Access and Referral Procedures

Which pupils do we work with?

- Pupils within mainstream schools, nurseries and pre-school settings.
- Pupils who have a confirmed diagnosis or medical working diagnosis of an ASD.

Who can refer?

Schools can refer directly through their SENCO's or headteachers.

Parents, Carers and other agencies who wish to refer are directed to the pupil's school to discuss the pupils referral to the team as above.

The team may be able to advise on a consultative basis where school based criteria is not met.

Other LEA Support Services will refer through the pupil's school.

Accepting Referrals

- Completion of referral form by SENCO, including: confirmation of diagnosis/medical working diagnosis and the agreement of parent or carer to the referral.
- Attachment of the current support plan.
- School being willing to work with the team on any further strategies and targets to be included on the support plan for the pupil.
- Evidence of discussion between the school and other support agencies already involved.
- School willing to receive awareness/update of awareness training for ALL staff.

The Team Offers

For school referrals which are accepted the team will provide the following:

- Liaison with other support services currently involved with the pupil.
- Consultation with parents throughout the duration of our involvement.
- Autism awareness training for all staff.
- Observation of the pupil and learning environment leading to strategies for the staff to use with the pupil related to support plans.
- A period of school visits to advise on and evaluate appropriate teaching and management approaches for the pupil.

The expectation would be for the team to be involved with the pupil and regular visits take place according to need.

The team will then remain involved throughout the pupil's school career.

The team do not accept referrals for Statutory re-assessment in isolation.



General Advice & Consultation

The team is also available for general advice and consultation linked to:

- Pupils meeting criteria who are referred but not yet receiving support.
- Autism awareness training is available on request to all settings.

Determining Priorities

Each case, which is referred and meets criteria, will be placed on a list according to priority, for example those pupils who are about to go through transition, either to a new phase of schooling or those entering school for the first time.

Role of other Agencies

The AOT commits itself to liaising with other professionals who are involved in supporting a pupil who is referred to the service. Where possible and appropriate, collaborative working with these professionals will be undertaken.

Who to Contact

Team Manager

Team Co-ordinator

plus

**Advisory Teachers and
Communication Support Workers**

For further information please contact:

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Accessing the Team

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