

Wigan Autism Pathway

5 – 16 years



Post Diagnostic Support & Training for Parents/Carers

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Current offer:



- Referrals received via CAHMS or Paediatric referral route
- 2 multi agency panels per month
- Average of 34 cases per month
- DSM 5 used as diagnostic criteria
- Diagnosis shared with each family over phone by Autism manager

Current offer:



- Post diagnostic training and support offered
- Families added to training mailing list
- Diagnosis letter sent to parents and School - information pack sent to each family

Number of referrals for ASC assessment January 2018 July 2019



A total of 26 panel meetings took place consisting of 2 panels per month
448 children and young people between the ages of 5 years – 17 years of age came through the panels. We
receive an average of 34/36 referrals per months

Total number of referrals Jan 2018 – July 2019	448
Autism diagnosis given	264
No diagnosis given	132
Cases deferred	52

Of the 264 Autism diagnoses given:

Males	194
Females	70
Total	264

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Current training offer:



- Monthly drop in session – Co production with SEND Key working service & Wigan Parent carer forum
- 1 Day Understanding Autism course – Monthly
- 6 Week Autism Parent Programme 5 -11 years & 11 – 16 years

Working in Partnership - Post diagnostic training and support: Licensed Programmes



National Autistic Society:

- Earlybird
- Earlybird Plus
- Heathy minds

- NAS Seminars: Sensory/Behaviour

- Co production of training with local agencies/professionals

- Barnardo's Cygnet Programme: 11 – 16 years

- Together Trust: Sleep workshops

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1 Day Understanding Autism Course

For Parents & Carers

9.30 - 2.30 pm



A 1 Day course for Parents and Carers of a child aged 5—16 years with a diagnosis of Autism. This course looks at the different aspects of Autism , such as communication, behaviour and Sensory differences

Venue:	Date :	Link to book:
Standish Library , Cross Street, Standish, Wigan WN6 OHQ	Friday 18th October 2019	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1-day-understanding-autism-course-for-parents-carers-tickets-72371187169
Rowantree School , Green Hall Close, Wigan M46 9HP	Friday 29th November 2019	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1-day-understanding-autism-course-for-parents-carers-tickets-72371905317
Sunshine House , Wellington Street, Wigan, WN1 3SA (Café available)	Friday 24th January 2020	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1-day-understanding-autism-course-for-parents-carers-tickets-72372023671
Progress House Westwood Park Drive, Wigan WN3 4HH	Friday 14th February 2020	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1-day-understanding-autism-course-for-parents-carers-tickets-72372208223
Tyldesley Startwell Centre , Poplar Street, Manchester, M29 8AX (Café available)	Wednesday 11th March 2020	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1-day-understanding-autism-course-for-parents-carers-tickets-72372356667
Westleigh High School— Conference room. Westleigh lane, Leigh, Wigan, WN7 5NL	Friday 22nd May 2020	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1-day-understanding-autism-course-for-parents-carers-tickets-72372533195?ref=estw
HOPE School Training suite , Kelvin Grove, Marus Bridge, Wigan WN3 6PS	Friday 19th June 2020	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1-day-understanding-autism-course-for-parents-and-carers-tickets-72520156741?ref=estw
Standish Library , Cross Street, Standish, Wigan WN6 OHQ	Friday 10th July 2020	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1-day-understanding-autism-course-for-parents-carers-tickets-72374529165

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Wigan Autism Programme January 2020



Autism Awareness	Communication	Sensory	Behaviour	Social Emotional Mental Health	Transition & Support Services
Week 1	Week 3	Week 5	Week 7	Week 9	Week 11
5-11 years	5 – 11 years	5– 11 years	5 – 11 years	5 – 11 years	5– 11 years
9th January 2020	23rd January 2020	6th February 2020	27th February 2020	12th March 2020	26th March 2020
9.30 -12	9.30 -12	9.30 -12	9.30 -12	9.30 -12	9.30 -12
Week 2	Week 4	Week 6	Week 8	Week 10	Week 12
11 – 16 years	11 – 16 years	11 – 16 years	11 – 16 years	11 – 16 years	11 – 16 years
16th January 2020	30th January 2020	13th February 2020	5th March 2020	19th March 2020	2nd April 2020
9.30 -12	9.30 -12	9.30 -12	9.30 -12	9.30 -12	9.30 -12

To book your place please use the Eventbrite link for the age of your child.

5-11 years: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/6-week-autism-parent-programme-5-11-years-tickets-72666538573>

11-16 years: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/6-week-autism-parent-programme-11-16-years-tickets-72669679969>

Any problems please contact e.walker@wigan.gov.uk 01942 486284

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Number of parents who accessed ASC training post diagnosis January 2018 – July 2019



COURSE	NUMBER COURSES	TOTAL NUMBERS ATTENDED JAN 2018 - JUNE 2019
1 Day Understanding Autism Course	12	199 Families
6 Week Autism parent programme 0-11yrs	2	29 Families
6 Week Autism parent programme 11-16yrs	2	30 Families
Monthly drop in session	8	Approx 40 Families
NAS Managing angry seminar	1	22 Families
TOTAL NUMBER FAMILIES ACCESSED TRAINING & SUPPORT = 320		

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Plans for future:

- Business case submitted to support families with training and support from point of referral – move away from diagnosis led approach
- A wider range of more bespoke training on offer for families to access
- Offer 'Being me' young person groups – Understanding my diagnosis
- Offer to include ADHD training and support – moving towards Neurodevelopmental pathway
- Meet GM and NICE guidelines in a more timely and effective way eg: sharing diagnosis with families in a more personal manner, more detailed reports for families.
- Better outcome for children and their families



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**Thank you for your time
and attention.**