

Diagnosing Autism spectrum condition – differential diagnosis

What is a differential diagnosis?

Some conditions share similar symptoms. Therefore, when a health professional is assessing an individual’s strengths and needs they have to consider whether the symptoms could be attributed to another condition. This is called a differential diagnosis.

At Integrated Treatment Services, we will not assess for one diagnosis alone. We will use the assessment to make a differential diagnosis that will help to draw the most accurate conclusions about the individual. It is essential that the correct diagnosis is made so that appropriate initial recommendations and targets are set.

What conditions could be part of a differential diagnosis?

The differential diagnosis may include, but is not limited to:

Neuro developmental disorders

Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder

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Pathological Demand Avoidance Disorder

Global developmental delays

Genetic and chromosomal abnormalities

Behavioural Disorder

Selective Mutism

Mood disorders and Psychological difficulties

Our team of therapists are highly skilled in working with individuals with a variety of conditions. We are able evaluate an individual’s needs holistically to provide a thorough differential diagnosis.