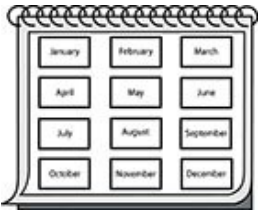
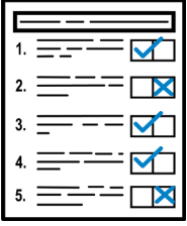
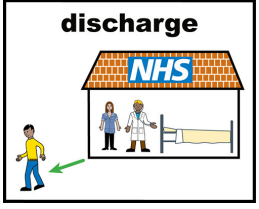
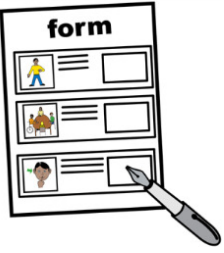
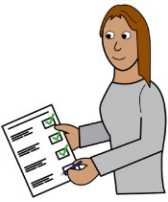
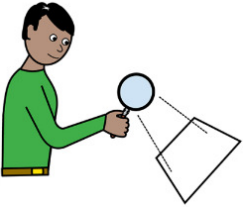


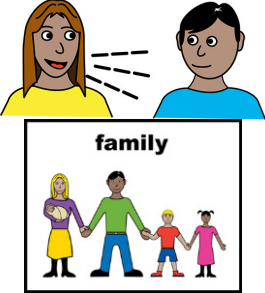
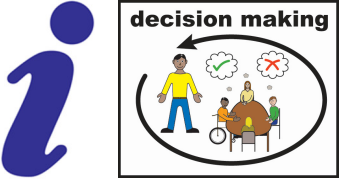

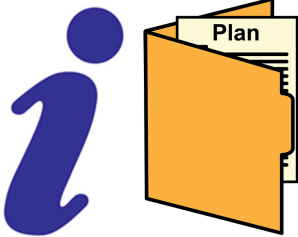
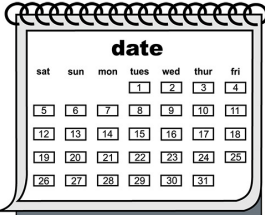
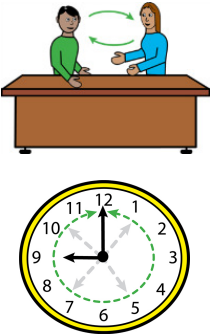
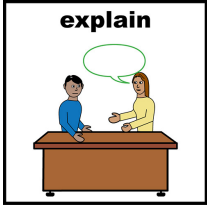
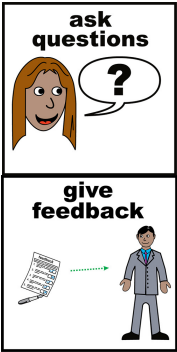

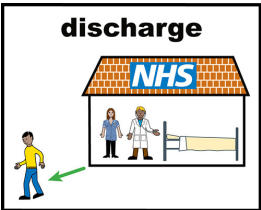


## Outlook South West Adult Aspergers Assessment Service

	<b>Time Scale for Assessment</b>
	<p>It can take up to 12 months to complete an Aspergers assessment.</p>
	<p>This is measured from the date of referral</p>
	<p>To the date the patient is discharged.</p>
<b>Assessment Process</b>	
	<p>The assessment process is completed in stages.</p> <p>The first stage begins when all questionnaires have been returned by the patient.</p>
	<p>The questionnaires are reviewed as part of the assessment.</p>
	<p>We also look at any relevant assessments or reports that a patient may have had in the past.</p> <p>These are often within a patient's medical notes.</p>
	<p>This information helps us to decide whether a face-to-face appointment is best for the patient</p> <p>Or whether a different service might be more helpful.</p>

	<b>Face-to-Face Assessment</b>
	<p>The second stage is the face to face assessment.</p> <p>A face-to-face assessment with a Clinical Psychologist lasts between 3 and 5 hours.</p> <p>This could be 1 long session or a series of shorter sessions.</p>
	<p>It can also be helpful for us to talk to a family member about the patient's childhood.</p>
	<b>Review and Report Writing</b>
	<p>After the face-to-face assessment, we look at all the information we have gathered and make a final clinical decision.</p>
	<p>We then write a detailed report to give to the patient.</p> <p>This describes whether or not we think the patient has Asperger Syndrome</p>
	<p>And is where we make suggestions for further support from other professionals.</p>
	<p>This stage takes about 2 weeks.</p>

	<p><b>Feedback Appointment</b></p> <p>We then meet face-to-face for 1 final hour.</p>
	<p>This is when we explain our findings to the patient.</p>
	<p>During this hour the patient can ask questions and give us feedback.</p>
	<p><b>Discharge</b></p> <p>With the patient's permission, the report will be sent to their GP and will tell them what they need to do next.</p>
	<p>The patient will then be discharged from our service.</p>

