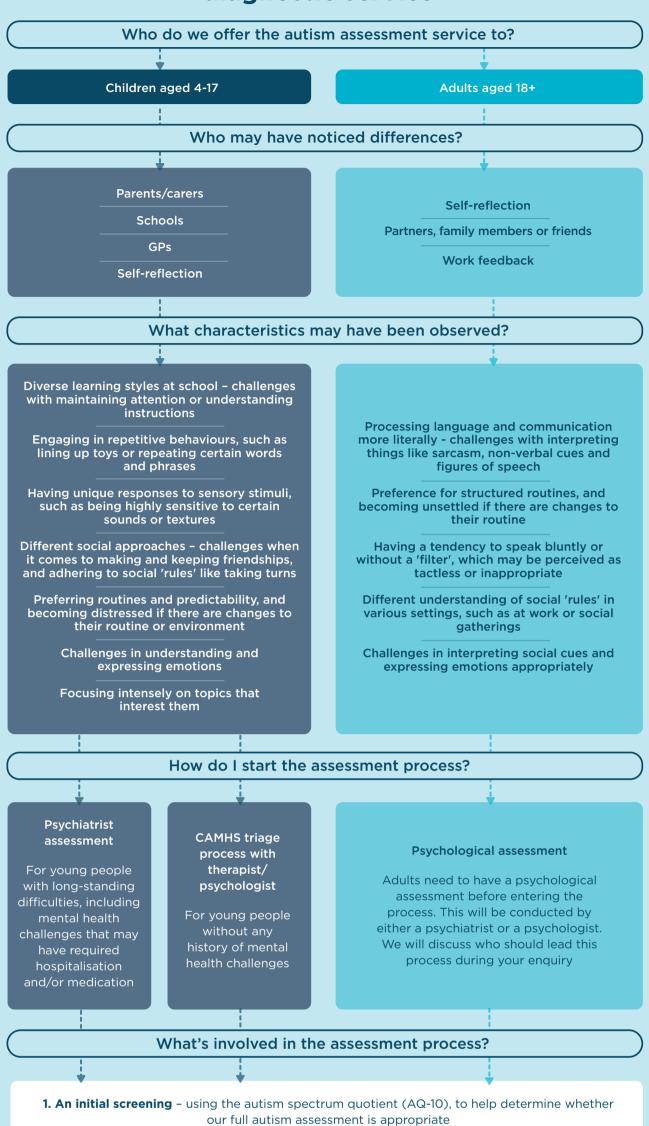
## Autism assessment and diagnostic service



2. Diagnostic assessment – depending on who is leading the process, a DISCO, ADI-R or 3Di tool will be used.

For children, this will include a questionnaire being completed by their school/college. Parents will also be interviewed.

Adults will be asked to provide contact details of people who knew them as children, who will be interviewed.

**3. ADOS tool –** observing and assessing for autism traits. This is conducted and carried out by two trained clinicians, and focuses on behaviours and/or reactions during the session.

For children, this is done without parents/carers present, and primarily involves observing the child at play.

For adults, the standardised assessment involves a semi-structured interview, occasionally prompted by brief table-based tasks.

What happens after the assessment?

A multidisciplinary team (MDT) meeting takes place, to agree on and formalise a diagnosis. This is made up of the clinicians who led the ADOS and ADI-R stages of the assessment.

A detailed outcome report is then produced, including any diagnosis that was reached.

A feedback meeting is arranged to talk about the outcomes of the assessment and provide any recommendations for further support.

The outcome report can be provided to schools/colleges and employers, if necessary.