

Appendix II The High-Functioning Autism Spectrum Screening Questionnaire (ASSQ)

Name of child _____

Date of Birth _____

Name of rater _____

Date of rating _____

(A score over 20 would indicate that the patient should be referred for detailed assessment).

This child stands out from other children of his/her age in the following way;		No 0	Somewhat 2	Yes 3
1	is old-fashioned or precocious			
2	is regarded as an 'eccentric professor' by the other children			
3	lives somewhat in a world of his/her own with restricted idiosyncratic intellectual interests			
4	accumulates facts on certain subjects (good rote memory) but does not really understand the meaning			
5	has a literal understanding of ambiguous and metaphoric language			
6	has a deviant style of communication with a formal, fussy, 'old-fashioned' or 'robot-like' language			
7	invents idiosyncratic words and expressions			
8	has a different voice or speech			
9	expresses sounds involuntarily; clears throat, grunts, smacks, cries or screams			
10	is surprisingly good at some things and surprisingly poor at others			
11	uses language freely but fails to make adjustments to fit social contexts or the needs of different listeners			
12	lacks empathy			
13	makes naive and embarrassing remarks			
14	has a deviant style of gaze			
15	wishes to be sociable but fails to make relationships with peers			
16	can be with other children but only on his/her terms			
17	lacks best friend			
18	lacks common sense			
19	is poor at games; no idea of cooperating in a team, scores 'own goals'			
20	has clumsy, ill coordinated, ungainly, awkward movements or gestures			
21	has involuntary face or body movements			
22	has difficulties in completing simple daily activities because of compulsory repetition of certain actions or thoughts			
23	has special routines; insists on no change			
24	shows idiosyncratic attachment to objects			
25	is bullied by other children			
26	has markedly unusual facial expression			
27	has markedly unusual posture			

Specify reasons other than above: