



Glossary

ACE+ - ADHD Child Evaluation (a standardised assessment tool used to diagnose ADHD in children)

ADHD – Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (a neurodevelopmental condition that affects people's behaviour, making them restless, inattentive and impulsive)

ADOS – Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule (a standardised diagnostic test for assessing autism)

ALNCo – Additional Needs Learning Co-ordinator (an identified member of staff in a school who is responsible for identifying and supporting children with additional learning needs)

ASD – Autism Spectrum Disorder (the full diagnostic name for autism, a neurodevelopmental condition that affects how people engage with others and the world around them)

CMHT – Community Mental Health Team (a team of medical professionals who support people living in the community with complex or serious mental health problems.)

DISCO - Diagnostic Interview for Social and Communication Disorders (a standardised assessment tool used to diagnose autism)

DIVA – Diagnostic Interview for ADHD in Adults (a standardised assessment tool used to diagnose ADHD in adults)

GP – General Practitioner (a doctor who works in the community, providing general medical advice)

IAS – Integrated Autism Service (a multi-agency specialist autism service, providing diagnostic assessment, support and advice for autistic adults, parents/ carers, and professionals)

IEP – Individual Education Plan (a written plan or programme that specifies the academic goals and method(s) to reach these goals, for a child with an identified disability.)

LA – Local Authority (an elected body that provides a range of services for a particular area)

MDT – Multi-Disciplinary Team (a team made up of professionals from several different fields (or disciplines))

ND – Neurodevelopment (the development of neurological pathways in the brain, which influence performance or functioning)



NDT – Neurodevelopmental Team (a team of people within the local health board, who can assess, diagnose and support neurodivergent people)

OT - Occupational Therapist (a health professional who works with children and adults who have difficulties with everyday tasks or activities)

PBS – Positive Behaviour Support (a person-centred approach to identifying and meeting a person’s support needs, in particular if someone is distressed and at risk of harming themselves or others)

SALT – Speech and Language Therapist (a health professional who works with children and adults who have difficulties with communication)