

Training attended: Combination ADOS-2 and ADI-R training

Dates: 19th – 23rd January 2026, online

Training provider: Hogrefe/beginning with A - Dr Carol Stott and Gary Neale

My role:

I am a psychologist working in a specialist CAMHS team. We have lots of young people coming to our service where we are concerned about under-recognised autism spectrum traits. I wanted to complete ADOS and ADIR training to contribute to the comprehensive (multi-disciplinary) assessment of ASD.

Training:

The ADOS-2 and ADI-R training was comprehensive, lasting a full week over teams. The trainers were very knowledgeable and supportive, and encouraged discussion. The training included videos and scoring activities, which helped to understand the practical application of the assessment tools and score them appropriately. The trainers also emphasised the importance of a comprehensive, wholistic assessment of neurodevelopment which was valuable and enhanced my broader knowledge of ASD. I have on-going access to the online materials, which has helped me to feel more confident using the tools in practice.

Application to practice:

We have now developed regular MDT neurodevelopmental meetings within our service. The training has allowed me to contribute additional information to differential diagnostic discussions regarding ASD, I have already used both the ADOS and ADIR with young people and families. The training has enhanced both my own clinical skills and service provision within my team, and I am extremely grateful to the foundation for allowing me to access it.