Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule and diagnostic interview as a combined programme.

I attended an online course funded by the FPSA between the 26th and 30th of October 2026 which supported me to gain training in both the Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule and diagnostic interview as a combined programme.

In my role as a Clinical Psychologist within community CAMHS, I support the assessment and intervention provision for Autism and Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder for children and young people within our care. The course was provided by Beginning with A Consultancy via Hogrefe and offered in-depth and thoughtful information, guidance, and critique of the tools available and how they can be used within our practice. Delivered virtually, the programme also enabled me to have access to additional resources, training exercises, and example videos for a period of 6 months which I will be using to further solidify my training. The presenter was very knowledgeable and was open to reflection on how her own practice has changed over time and supportive of how we could build our skills within the initial period of completing these assessments. The provider also made it the distinction between being able to complete these assessments versus providing diagnoses clear, which I feel is very responsible and transparent practice. As such, I would highly recommend this provider.

This training has further supported me to work alongside NICE guidelines which supports our team to provide a high standard of evidence-based care. It will increase our team's capacity for assessments, training, and consultation and will allow me to make more confident recommendations and assessments for children within our care.