What will the BEAM programme prioritise?

BEAM focuses on key areas of need as required by your child with ASC and your family. A personalised programme prioritising areas of concern will be written in discussion with parents or carers.

The programme addresses four key areas:

Social communication

- Language & communication programmes
- Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS) and symbol programme

Social understanding

- Interactive play/musical understanding
- Intensive interaction

Flexibility of thought and social imagination

- TEACCH a structured educational approach for children with ASC
- Behavioral analysis
- Playskills
- Use of information communication technology

Sensory issues

- Sensory curriculum
- Low arousal techniques







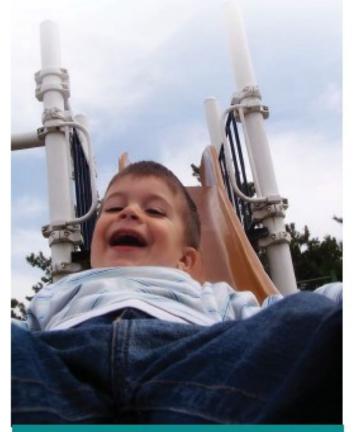


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BEAM

Barnet Early Autism Model

An early intervention home-based service for families of children under five with a diagnosis of an Autism Spectrum Condition (ASC)



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What is Barnet Early Autism Model (BEAM)?

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How does BEAM fit in with existing services?

We work closely with all agencies. Parents and carers have a choice and can opt for the pre-school service they feel would be most supportive.

Pre-school services for ASC include:

- Pre-school teaching team
- Speech and language therapy service
- Tracker
- Early Bird
- BEAM

BEAM requires a diagnosis of ASC

Referrals

Parents can refer to BEAM directly. Any concerned professional can refer to BEAM at the multi-agency intake meeting (held weekly) or contact BEAM at the address on the back of this leaflet.



What does BEAM offer?

- A flexible package which is responsive to the needs of your child and family. We offer up to two sessions of home based intervention per week which can vary on a weekly basis as required.
- An early years learning programme based on best practice in ASC supported by research evidence
- Support to families from an early support key worker to co-ordinate services
- Close liaison between pre-school setting, home and BEAM
- Carefully planned transition to school



Who will deliver BEAM?

Team members include:

- Specialist ASC advisory teacher
- Trained BEAM facilitators
- Specialist speech and language therapist
- Occupational therapist
- Access to educational psychologist advice service
- Access to other relevant professionals as appropriate

Parents and carers as partners

Parents and carers are crucial partners in the BEAM programme Other family members such as siblings and extended family members may also be included

What is the BEAM programme

- It is collaboration between parents or carers and professionals
- It uses a range of approaches to address the social communication, interaction and imagination of your child
- It teaches social understanding to support effective inclusion in and access to pre-school settings
- It is training and delivery of a home-based intervention which supports children with ASC in order that parents or carers can deliver the programme themselves













