

Supplement 2 -Inclusion and Exclusion criteria for Guidelines for Recognition, Referral and Diagnosis of Autism in Children

Inclusion

- Guidelines come from established guideline/professional national organisations
- Focus on autism (i.e. autism, Autism Spectrum Disorder, Asperger syndrome/disorder, Autistic Disorder, PDD-NOS)
- Focus on screening/assessment or diagnosis of autism
- Focus on children (0-17years)
- If focus is on both children and adults, it is possible to take out child specific guidelines

Exclusion

- Guidelines come from a hospital or single centre or region/state
- Opinions of single authors/research groups
- Focus on neurodevelopmental difficulties but not specific to autism
- Focus on treatment or intervention for autism
- Focus on adults (18 years or older)
- Systematic reviews of guidelines
- Studies of adherence to ASD screening assessment guidelines