

FASD Capacity and Neuropsychological Assessment Service

The Psychology Clinic of East Anglia Ltd (PCEA) specialises in Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD). This service is managed by Dr Cassie Jackson, who is one of the UK's leading experts in the assessment, diagnosis and support of children and young people with FASD.

More information about the condition can be found on our website at:

<https://pcea.co.uk/neurodevelopmental-assessment/fetal-alcohol-spectrum-disorder-fasd/>

PCEA provides Capacity and Neuropsychological Assessments for young people and adults, with a specific emphasis on the impact of FASD on capacity, which includes a comprehensive assessment of neuropsychological functioning and presentation, adapted to the individual's needs, history and presentation. This assessment is carried out by Dr Cassie Jackson, Consultant Clinical Psychologist, or one of her team, with training and expertise in assessing and working with individuals who have a range of neurocognitive or neurodevelopmental presentations and difficulties including FASD. Dr Jackson supervises and oversees all FASD-related assessments undertaken within the neurodevelopmental service.

Assessment Process

For questions about capacity, we require a letter of instruction or referral where specific questions relating to capacity are being asked. This is because capacity is specific to decision, time and situation.

The assessment process and test battery is adapted to the specific presentation and needs of the individual but, by way of illustration, is likely to include:

- Developmental History taking with parent/carer, or other well-known individual (usually completed via video consultation).
- Consultation with school or college when appropriate.
- Cognitive assessment (intellectual ability) including,
 - Verbal comprehension, fluid reasoning, visual spatial skills, working memory, and processing speed.
 - Attainments in literacy and numeracy.
- Assessment of Executive functioning.
- Assessment of Adaptive Functioning.

- Assessment of Memory.
- Screening for language problems.
- Suggestibility Scales.
- Screening for specific conditions as appropriate, such as ASD, ADHD, FASD.
- Consideration of mental health difficulties and systemic factors.
- Exploration of specific issues relating to questions of capacity, and how FASD may impact presentation in different environments.

Deliverables and follow up

Our assessments include the delivery of a written report setting out clinical opinions with regards to neuropsychological functioning, specific strengths and weaknesses, and recommendations for support or further assessment where indicated.

A follow up session of up to one hour via video call for feedback, clarification and further questions is offered upon receipt of the report.

Fees

An assessment including all the above components is charged at £2,500.

Notes on fee:

- The above fees are exempt of VAT as per <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/health-professionals-pharmaceutical-products-and-vat-notice-70157>
- For orders where any of the assessment components listed above are available from separate/previous assessments and adjudged by our psychologists to be transferable, the above fees may be reduced by an amount to be made clear prior to confirmation of the order.
- Travel costs may apply and will be made clear in advance of order confirmation if our psychologist is required to travel away from their base location for appointments.
- For confirmed orders, an invoice will be provided and fees payable prior to the commencement of work, as per our Terms of Business document.

Important notes:

The Psychology Clinic of East Anglia Ltd is a private organisation and is not affiliated to the NHS or statutory services. As for all similar organisations, we cannot accept responsibility or liability for whether our reports and recommendations are accepted or actioned by statutory/NHS services or third-party services. Upon written request, our psychologists can liaise on their findings with third party providers. This may incur additional cost.

If ordering this service, the information in this document should be read in conjunction with our Terms of Business document and Privacy Notice.

For further information please contact the Psychology Clinic of East Anglia Ltd via admin@pcea.co.uk, telephone 01603 610059