



# Practice Developments in Improving Autism Spectrum Disorder Services at RMCH

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## You Said



- Our child needs a better experience in hospital
- Our child becomes stressed by new & restricted environments
- 3-4 hours in hospital are a *real* challenge for us and our children
- Staff need to recognise that children with autism are *different* and *complex individuals*
- Staff don't understand how stressful it is for my child to be in hospital
- We want staff to understand our child's experience
- My child refuses to have treatments/procedures

## We Did

### Practice Developments: We have

- **Identified** service users with Autism early through multi-professional involvement
- **Utilised** routine service user and carer feedback & evaluation to
- **Provided** quality standards for care
- **Strengthened** the Autism Service Improvement Group (ASIG)
- **Increased** staff awareness through bespoke training & education events
- **Introduced** person centred assessment
- **Provided** patient communication tools
- **Developed** care pathways based on specific needs & interventions
- **Identified** local Autism Champions
- **Increased** multi-professional collaboration
- **Increased** training awareness for professionals
- **Shared** practice developments with children's services in Eye & Dental Hospitals
- **Increased** resources e. g. Picture key rings, IPADs, social stories
- **Contributed** to development of pathways for transition to adult services
- **Increased** liaison with community services