

## **ADI-R and ADOS-2 Training report**

I participated in the ADOS-2 and ADI-R Clinical Combo Course offered by Hogrefe, a leading UK provider of autism assessment training. The course was conducted virtually over five days, from 7th to 11th April 2025, and upon successful completion, I received a Certificate of Clinical Reliability for both the ADOS-2 and ADI-R assessments.

The primary aim of this training was to equip clinicians with the skills necessary to administer and code the ADOS-2 and ADI-R to the level of clinical reliability. The course content included:

- Introduction to ADOS-2 and ADI-R: An overview of both assessment tools, their purpose, and their application in autism diagnosis.
- Coding of all modules: Detailed instruction on coding for all ADOS-2 modules, including the Toddler Module, and the ADI-R interview.
- ASD diagnosis and classification: Understanding the diagnostic criteria for Autism Spectrum Disorder and how to apply them using these tools.
- ADOS-2 algorithms: Learning the algorithms used to interpret ADOS-2 results.
- Embedding ADOS-2 and ADI-R into practice: Strategies for integrating these assessments into clinical practice effectively.

The course was led by Carol Stott, a Chartered Psychologist with extensive experience in autism diagnostics. Carol's expertise and engaging teaching style facilitated a comprehensive learning experience.

As a Clinical Psychologist in an NHS Learning Disabilities CAMHS service, this training was directly relevant to my role. It provided me with the knowledge and confidence to utilise these gold-standard assessment tools in my clinical practice. I found the hands-on practice, including coding exercises and case discussions, particularly beneficial in reinforcing the theoretical knowledge.

I intend to apply the skills gained from this training to enhance the accuracy and reliability of autism assessments. The ability to administer and code the ADOS-2 and ADI-R assessments will contribute to more robust diagnostic processes and, ultimately, better outcomes for the children and families we support.