



What happens during the meeting?

All this information is carefully considered and a decision is made about the most appropriate next step.

What happens after the meeting?

- Your child may be invited for further assessment such as an ADOS (Autism Diagnostic Observation al Schedule)
- The diagnosis of Autistic Spectrum Disorder may be confirmed at the meeting.
- Your child may be visited in school or nursery by a member of the team.
- Further information may still need to be gathered.
- It may be decided that there are no significant concerns about your child's communication skills and no need for further specific assessment of them.
- You, and the professional who referred you, will be informed of the outcome.

Your local contact during this time is the person who discussed the referral to BSCIP with you.

Your contact is:

Tel:



What happens when your child has been put forward for consideration at the

Bolton Social Communication and Interaction Panel Meeting

(BSCIP)



What is BSCIP?

A professional involved with your child has highlighted some concerns about his/her social and communication skills. You have agreed for your child to be discussed at the Bolton Social Communication and Interaction Panel (BSCIP).

BSCIP meetings aim to gather accurate information about your child's social communication skills in terms of strengths as well as any difficulties he/she may be having.

Meetings occur approximately once a month at Halliwell Child Development Centre and a number of children are discussed.

What are social and communication difficulties?

Social and communication difficulties affect children in different ways at different ages. Your child may have problems interacting with other people. He/she may have difficulty forming friendships, understanding language and understanding how other people behave. He/she may behave and play differently compared with other children.

Who will be at the meeting?

Professionals who attend the meeting may include -

- Community Paediatricians.
- Outreach Teachers from the Ladywood Outreach Service
- Speech and Language Therapists (SALT).
- Educational Psychologists (EP).
- Preschool Support Service/ nursery/ school staff.

What will happen before the meeting?

Information about your child's social communication skills will be collected. Further information may be requested in order to get an accurate picture of your child. This may involve:

- Referral to other agencies.
- Request for information from other agencies already involved with your child.
- Arranging a nursery or school visit.
- Completing questionnaires.