

## What will the BEAM programme prioritise?

BEAM focuses on key areas of need as required by your child with ASC and your family. A personalised programme prioritising areas of concern will be written in discussion with parents or carers.

The programme addresses four key areas:

### Social communication

- Language & communication programmes
- Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS) and symbol programme

### Social understanding

- Interactive play/musical understanding
- Intensive interaction

### Flexibility of thought and social imagination

- TEACCH - a structured educational approach for children with ASC
- Behavioral analysis
- Playskills
- Use of information communication technology

### Sensory issues

- Sensory curriculum
- Low arousal techniques



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# BEAM

## Barnet Early Autism Model

An early intervention home-based service for families of children under five with a diagnosis of an Autism Spectrum Condition (ASC)



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## What is Barnet Early Autism Model (BEAM)?

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## How does BEAM fit in with existing services?

We work closely with all agencies. Parents and carers have a choice and can opt for the pre-school service they feel would be most supportive.

Pre-school services for ASC include:

- Pre-school teaching team
- Speech and language therapy service
- Tracker
- Early Bird
- BEAM

**BEAM requires a diagnosis of ASC**

## Referrals

Parents can refer to BEAM directly. Any concerned professional can refer to BEAM at the multi-agency intake meeting (held weekly) or contact BEAM at the address on the back of this leaflet.



## What does BEAM offer?

- *A flexible package which is responsive to the needs of your child and family. We offer up to two sessions of home based intervention per week which can vary on a weekly basis as required.*
- *An early years learning programme based on best practice in ASC supported by research evidence*
- *Support to families from an early support key worker to co-ordinate services*
- *Close liaison between pre-school setting, home and BEAM*
- *Carefully planned transition to school*



## Who will deliver BEAM?

Team members include:

- Specialist ASC advisory teacher
- Trained BEAM facilitators
- Specialist speech and language therapist
- Occupational therapist
- Access to educational psychologist advice service
- Access to other relevant professionals as appropriate

## Parents and carers as partners

Parents and carers are crucial partners in the BEAM programme. Other family members such as siblings and extended family members may also be included.

## What is the BEAM programme

- *It is collaboration between parents or carers and professionals*
- *It uses a range of approaches to address the social communication, interaction and imagination of your child*
- *It teaches social understanding to support effective inclusion in and access to pre-school settings*
- *It is training and delivery of a home-based intervention which supports children with ASC in order that parents or carers can deliver the programme themselves*

