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Discovering Autistic Spectrum Happiness

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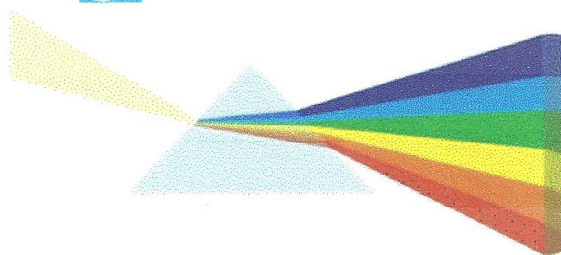


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DASH is a local registered charity launched in 2006 as a response to a shared concern for the unmet needs of adults with high-functioning autism and Aspergers living in Swindon.

DASH was launched with the purpose and determination to help improve the quality of life of those individuals by raising professional, public and political awareness and understanding of autism and by developing local services, directly and in partnership, to help meet their needs.

We believe that a specialist, post-diagnostic support service for adults with Aspergers/High Functioning Autism is an essential part of an effective Adult Autism Strategy. Also, post-diagnostic support for parents and carers, as well as employers and statutory services is essential to help people access the right resources to help them lead more independent, more fulfilled, safer, more engaged and happier lives.

Our primary aims are to:

- Raise awareness and understanding of Aspergers
- Promote and enhance access to assessment & diagnosis, welfare, housing, education and employment
- Research, promote and help to deliver a local model of support and services

and in this way we will help people with Aspergers to enjoy safer, healthier, more social, more productive and happier lives.

