

ADOS Vignette

Age: 37m

This little girl took part in all of the tasks across the assessment but at times it was a little difficult for the examiner to engage fully with her. Her language consisted of 2- and 3-word phrases, such as “it’s a fire engine” and “this one red”, but her grammar was somewhat simplistic (“I’m play”), she had a tendency to be repetitive, and she echoed words and short phrases on several occasions. Her nonverbal communication – eye contact, facial expression, gestures - was quite limited, and often not coordinated with speech. There was also a slightly harsh quality to her voice, and she was consistently quite loud.

Although she did follow the examiner’s lead in relation to most activities, she did not initiate social overtures towards him on many occasions, and primarily went to her mother for comfort or when mildly alarmed by one of the toys.

She demonstrated a range of pretend play, including functional play with a number of miniature objects such as a toy phone and an aeroplane, and demonstrated agentive play with dolls and figures, such as making a dog and a boy doll drive a fire engine, and making another figure hold a baby.

She was motivated to request in several activities, including bubbles, but her requests were mostly not paired with eye contact, or this was very delayed. Although she appeared to enjoy playing with the mechanical rabbit, she did appear slightly startled by it and went to her mother for reassurance, then returned to it and continued to play with it, whilst smiling and commenting.

She was a little fidgety throughout, although this did not interfere with the assessment. No unusual mannerisms, sensory, repetitive or stereotyped behaviours were noted

[Note that the assessment was conducted more quickly than usual as the family needed to leave within 30 minutes of the start]

Social Affect Total:	11		
Restricted & Repetitive Behaviour Total:	1		
Overall Total:	12	CSS:	6
Play	0		
Other	1		
ADOS-2 Classification:	Autism		