

Eligibility Guidelines for DASH social groups

- 1) DASH is for adults (18 years and over) living in the catchment area of Swindon Borough Council;
- 2) Prospective members should be diagnosed with Aspergers Syndrome / high-functioning autistic spectrum disorder or be in the process of referral for assessment*;
- 3) DASH is unable to provide transport, therefore this needs to be arranged by the individual;
- 4) Prospective members need to be able to socialise independently and appropriately, although by attending the group we hope that social communication skills will be enhanced;
- 5) People should not bring either alcohol or illegal drugs into DASH;
- 6) If DASH becomes aware of charges of criminal behaviour or unspent criminal convictions which have not been declared on either the application form or direct to staff, then we reserve the right to terminate membership of the social group. Discretion will be applied in accordance with circumstances.

**in some circumstances, people undiagnosed with Aspergers choose not to engage with the assessment process; in which case knowledge of the individual will be used to make a decision about eligibility.*