CAIDS–Q
Screening for intellectual disabilities in children and young people

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CAIDS-Q Description

- 7 items which are quick and easy to administer and score.
- Can be completed with or by the individual or someone who knows him/her well.
- No training required: administration and scoring instructions are provided in the manual.
- Age range 8-18 years.
The CAIDS-Q is a valid and reliable tool to help identify children and adolescents who are likely to have an intellectual disability.

The CAIDS-Q was developed to help those who work with children and adolescents who are suspected of having an intellectual disability have a quick and easy indication of whether they do.

- It can discriminate with high levels of accuracy between those who have an intellectual disability and those who do not.
- It can be completed quickly with minimum demands on the child/adolescent, carer or professional completing it.
- It is based on research, is valid and reliable.
- It does not require intensive and time-consuming assessment.
Uses of the CAIDS-Q

The CAIDS-Q discriminates between those who potentially have an intellectual disability and those who do not. This may be useful to:

- Quickly identify appropriate services for an individual.
- Reduce the wait for initial assessment.
- Allow resources to be targeted at those who need them most.
- Identify individuals who may be vulnerable within our health, criminal justice and other social systems.
- Provide a means of discriminating between groups for research purposes.
CAIDS-Q Standardisation

Standardised with 311 children and adolescents who were referred to community intellectual disability services, child and adolescent mental health services and forensic services.
The CAIDS-Q scores of those with an intellectual disability were significantly lower than those without.

The CAIDS-Q scores correlated significantly with scores on an intellectual assessment (WISC IV, Wechsler, 2003).

The CAIDS-Q could identify those with an intellectual disability with 97% accuracy and those without with 86% to 87% accuracy (depending on the age of the individual).

Inter-rater reliability was significant (and excellent) for each item on the questionnaire.
