

## **Cognitive Assessment**



**Cognassist** is a new tool that we are using in Serco Education to support our learners. It is a unique education solution that has been developed with the aid of neuroscientists to provide awareness and support for those with different neuro diverse needs. It helps identify and support learners with specific, perhaps hidden learning needs to enable them to learn most effectively in whatever studies they are doing.

Cognassist is not a test for specific conditions such as dyslexia or dyscalculia, instead it uses a data driven cognitive assessment to look at all the elements of learning to see if people need extra support in certain areas or not. It does this through eight learning domains:

- Verbal memory
- Non-verbal memory
- Verbal reasoning
- Literacy
- Numeracy
- Visual Information processing speed
- Visual perception
- Executive function

So rather than specifically looking at your English ability or maths ability or any other element of learning, the assessment will look at all of the eight learning domains. The assessment is made up of short questions, puzzles, memory tasks, matching images and is an interactive activity. It takes about 30 minutes to complete.

If the assessment matches you to a learning need then it will provide a personal learning strategy to support you. This is made up of up to four activities or interventions per month. These are not linked to maths or English but are short videos/tasks which support you with your overall learning and will hopefully support you in any learning, your home life and your employment as well. Students who have been matched to Cognassist and are completing the activities are already giving us positive feedback on how it has helped them.

If we haven't already contacted you about the Cognassist assessment then we will be doing so shortly. If you are interested in completing the assessment now, please get in touch with [aimmen.ratyal@serco.com](mailto:aimmen.ratyal@serco.com) who will explain how to do this.