**SOCIAL SERVICES AND WELL-BEING (WALES) ACT**

**CASE STUDY**

**Simon**

Simon is a 23 year old who has been diagnosed as being on the autistic spectrum, and uses a wheelchair. Simon has recently graduated from university with a degree in IT and moved back to his home town. He lives in an annexe at his parents’ home which has been adapted for him. He works part-time at the local college as an IT support analyst.

Simon has a care and support plan in place to assist him in living independently from his parents. He has requested a reassessment of his situation as he wants to go out where and when he likes as he did at university – including going out clubbing – but has found this difficult to arrange within his current arrangements.

He wants to discuss whether moving to direct payments could help him access the quality of independent living that he wishes. He has also stated that face-to-face contact with new people is often stressful for him and makes him feel very anxious. It may take a while before he feels comfortable with a professional to be able to start expressing his personal outcomes.

1. What things might you need to consider when deciding how to tailor Simon’s assessment, given his concerns relating to a face-to-face meeting?
2. What would your approach to undertaking the assessment be and why?