

Cynulliad Cenedlaethol Cymru | National Assembly for Wales

Datblygu Bil Aelod | Development of Member Bill

Y Bil Awtistiaeth (Cymru) - Datblygu'r Bil | The Autism (Wales) Bill - Bill Development
DMB(5) AWB50

Ymateb gan Cymdeithas Genedlaethol Awtistiaeth - LM

Evidence from National Autistic Society - LM

Questions about getting a better way to diagnose Autism

1. What do you think about how easy it is to get an autism diagnosis where you live?

(A diagnosis is when a doctor looks at a person's health and behaviour and says whether they have autism or not.)

I was 24 when I got a diagnosis of autism (2014).
I think the length of time that the diagnosis took to
be acceptable

2. What are the most difficult things about getting a diagnosis?

Discussing the problems that I had when I was younger
with the professional that diagnosed me was
difficult
(#unabittic times)

3. Do you think that the local authorities and health services should have to give out information about how to get an autism diagnosis?

YES

My diagnosis helped in that I now attend a day-care service that is
allowing me to develop social skills.

Questions about improving the way people get support services

1. Do you think services at the moment are good enough for people with autism?

YES

2. Do you think the law should say that there must be guidance on how to deliver services for people with autism?

possibly for people attending college or university having a support system in place there could be of help

3. I think there should be guidance. I think the guidance should say:

- a. How to organise getting an autism diagnosis
- b. Services cannot turn people with autism away because they have a high IQ
- c. There should be plans for people with autism moving from child to adult services
- d. How to plan for autism services
- e. Who should be in charge of the organisation of autism services?

Do you agree that the guidance should say something about the things listed above?

YES

Is there anything else that you think should be in the guidance?

support for people trying to do higher further education.

4. Do you think local authorities and health services should have to collect information about people with autism so they can make better plans for services?

YES

As long as it is a system where people can opt out -

6. Do you have any ideas about the best way to collect information about people with autism?

For example, information about how many people have autism and what their support needs are?

I am happy with the way that the information that I provide at the day-care service is collected and used.

Question about autism training for staff

1. Do you have any views about the autism training that staff working with people with autism already get?

At the day-care service that I attend, the staff are available, friendly and allow me to express myself. I am happy with their interactions with me and feel that they are well-trained.

2. Do you think the law should say:

- a. What the staff who work with people with autism should know and be able to do after their training?

YES

OR

- b. That key staff should get autism training. The law would not say anything about what they should know.

NO

Questions about jobs for people with autism

17. Do you have any ideas about what should happen to help more people with autism get jobs?

I have found the social discussions about how to apply for a job, fill out a CV, read and understand job advertisements etc. that I do at the day-one service to be extremely helpful.
More opportunities to attend job placements (with a support worker) would be useful in order to determine where an individual's talents and strengths are.

Questions about the definition of autism

Where do you think the definition should be written? Please tick 1:

- a. On the Bill ☒
- b. In the plan for autism ☐
- c. In the guidance ☐
- d. I don't think it should be included ☐