

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.)

Extremely difficult - Services don't seem to want to diagnose at present, no matter how bad the presentation is.

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

Getting someone to listen to the concerns & putting it all together.

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

Questions about improving the way people get support services

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

NO

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

YES

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

seivices

d. How to plan for autism seivices

e. Who should be in charge of the organisation of autism seivices?

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?

Telling people what services are around in their area.

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

YES

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?

Talk to the individuals + their families

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?

Most services don't get enough training to know how to speak with individuals effectively, or know how to manage a person if they go off baseline

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?

Get employers to realise the skills that the people with autism have, it's not just a learning difficulty.
Special support for those who wish to gain employment

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 ☐