

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 – Allgymorth Casnewydd
Evidence from National Autistic Society – Newport Outreach

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.)

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

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

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

*not good enough
for any one!!*

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 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?

There should be a range of options (services) and a one stop shop to show/signpost what is available.

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

However - always seems to be a lot of information collecting + theory and then little evidence of practical support!

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?

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| ① Database - collect on diagnosis (GP) | college |
| ② " - collect from schools/nurseries | |
| • EHCP will indicate support needs for most severe cases (high need) | |

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?

Not enough + not specific to autism.

Not enough use of visual supports
+ understanding need for structured activities

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?

All people with autism are different!
but they should know basic information +
about sensory overload!

OR

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

YES

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?

Flexible working times - p/t opportunities that don't lose you your benefits - ie if you earn a certain amount it comes off your benefit but you never lose it and have to reapply if say you can't work one week or need more flexibility.

Having job coaches or Autism Champions in work place to help + explain stuff to others.

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