



Department  
of Health

# Making 'Think Autism' Work



## Answer booklet

How local councils and the NHS  
should use our plans  
for people with autism



Please tell us what you think before  
the **19th December 2014**.



Easy Read version of:  
**Consultation on new statutory guidance  
for local authorities and NHS  
organisations to support implementation  
of the autism strategy for England**

# The questions



The Department of Health wrote a plan in 2010 for adults with autism in England.

It was called **Fulfilling and Rewarding Lives**. We updated that plan in April 2014. It is called **Think Autism**.



We also wrote a separate guide in 2010 to tell local councils and NHS organisations how to use the **Think Autism** plan.



Now we are updating the guide for local councils and NHS organisations because some things have changed since 2010.



The updated guide tells you about our ideas and asks what you think about them. It is called a **consultation**.

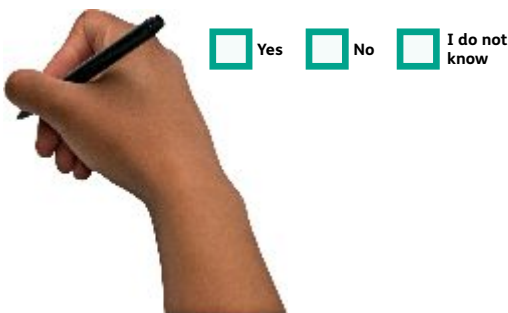


What you think about the guide is very important to us. There are a number of ways you can tell us.



1. This **answers booklet** is one way.

It has questions in it and spaces to tell us what you think.



You can answer any of the questions. If you don't have anything to say about a question please leave it blank or just tell us about other ideas you have.



Please use the boxes in this booklet to tell us what you think.



Please send it back before the 19th December 2014 to:

**Consultations Co-ordinator Adult  
Autism Statutory Guidance  
Consultation**

**Department of Health  
3rd Floor Area 313A  
Richmond House  
79 Whitehall  
London  
SW1A 2NS**



2. You can also email your answers to:  
**autism@dh.gsi.gov.uk**



Other ways to tell us what you think about the guide to local councils and the NHS:



3. You can fill in your answers online at this link, but they are not in EasyRead format:

**<http://consultations.dh.gov.uk/>**



4. If you have any questions, you can also call:

**0207 210 5391**

Between 10am and 4pm Monday to Friday



If you are happy for us to get in touch with you about your answers, please tell us your:

**Name:**



**Telephone number:**



# 1. Our Questions about training

**1.1** Does the guide say clearly how important training is and what social care and health services must do?

Yes     No     I do not know

If not, why not?



**1.2** Is it fair to expect them to do this?

Yes     No     I do not know

If not, why not?



**1.3** Do we need to say more about how to involve adults with autism, families and carers in training?

**Yes**

**No**

**I do not know**

If yes, what else should we say?

**1.4** What special training should staff have to help find out what support people with autism need?



1.5 Should we say what staff must learn at each level of training?

Yes

No

I do not know

If yes, what do you suggest?



1.6 Is there enough information about how services should plan training and who should do the training?

Yes

No

I do not know

If not, what else do we need?





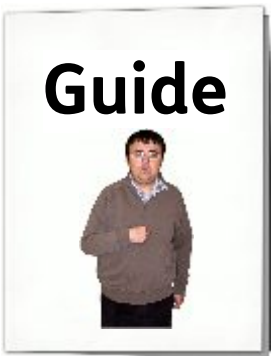
1.7 Is there anything in this part that you know local councils and the NHS are not doing because it might cost too much?

Yes

No

I do not know

If yes, what is it?



1.8 Do you want to say anything else about this part of the guide?



## 2. Our questions about finding out if someone has autism

2.1 Does the guide say how local councils and NHS organisations must find out who has autism and what support they need?

Yes

No

I do not know

If not, what else does it need to say?



2.2 Is it clear what people who plan and pay for services have to do?

Yes

No

I do not know

If not, how can it be clearer?



Is it fair to tell them to do this?

Yes

No

I do not know

If not, why not?



2.3 Is it clear what CCGs have to do?

Yes

No

I do not know

If not, how can it be clearer?



Is it fair to tell them to do this?

Yes

No

I do not know

If not, why not?



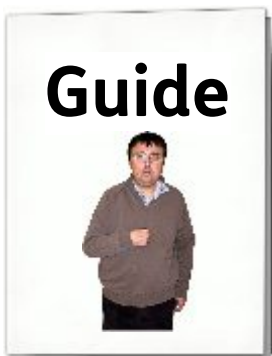
2.4 Is there anything in this part that you know local councils and the NHS are not doing because it might cost too much?

Yes

No

I do not know

If yes, what is it?



2.5 Do you want to say anything else about this part of the guide?



### 3. Our questions about transition

3.1 Does the guide explain what the law says councils and other services must do to help young people move to adult services?

Yes

No

I do not know

If not, why not?



3.2 How can we make sure young people who do not have special educational needs or health plans get the support they need?



3.3 Is there anything in this part that you know local councils and the NHS are not doing because it might cost too much?

Yes

No

I do not know

If yes, what is it?



3.4 Do you want to say anything else about this part of the guide?



## 4. Our questions about leaders who understand autism

4.1 Does the guide explain clearly whose job it is to make sure local organisations work together?

Yes

No

I do not know

If not, how could it be clearer?



4.2 Is there anything else that would make sure people with autism and their families have a say in planning local services?

Yes

No

I do not know

If yes, what is it?



4.3 Is there anything else we need to say about collecting information and using it to plan?

Yes

No

I do not know

If yes, what is it?



4.4 Is there anything in this part that you know local councils and the NHS are not doing because it might cost too much?

Yes

No

I do not know

If yes, what is it?





4.5 Do you want to say anything else about this part of the guide?

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## 5. Our questions about keeping adults with autism safe

**5.1** Does the guide explain how the Care Act says autism services should support people to stop things going wrong?

This includes young people moving from children's services to adult services.

Yes

No

I do not know



If not, what should it say?



5.2 Do you agree with our ideas for services that stop things going wrong?

Yes

No

I do not know

If not, why not?



5.3 Does the guide explain how to plan these services for local areas?

Yes

No

I do not know

If not, what else should it say?



5.4 Is there anything in this part that you know local councils and the NHS are not doing because it might cost too much?

Yes

No

I do not know

If yes, what is it?



5.5 Do you want to say anything else about this part of the guide?

## 6. Our questions about making changes



6.1 Have we explained clearly why and how services should make changes to help people with autism?

Yes

No

I do not know

If not, how can we be clearer?



6.2 Is it easy to understand that public services must do this for adults with autism?

Yes

No

I do not know

If not, how can it be easier?



6.3 Is there anything in this part that you know local councils and the NHS are not doing because it might cost too much?

Yes

No

I do not know

If yes, what is it?



6.4 Do you want to say anything else about this part of the guide?

## 7. Our questions about supporting people with lots of needs



7.1 Do you think people with autism, their families and carers and people who plan and work in services will understand this part of the guide?

Yes

No

I do not know



7.2 If not, what do we need to change?

7.3 Does it cover all the things the law say services need to do?

Yes

No

I do not know



If not, what else does it need to cover?



7.4 Does it explain clearly how health and social care staff should make services better for people with autism?

Yes

No

I do not know

If not, why not?



7.5 Will people who plan and pay for local care services understand what they have to do?

Yes

No

I do not know

If not, why not?





7.6 Is there anything in this part that you know local councils and the NHS are not doing because it might cost too much?

Yes

No

I do not know

If yes, what is it?



7.7 Do you want to say anything else about this part of the guide?



## 8. Our questions about work and jobs



**8.1** Do you think people with autism, their families and carers and people who plan and work in services will understand this part of the guide?

Yes

No

I do not know

**8.2** If not, what do we need to change?





**8.3** Do you have any other ideas about helping adults with autism get work?

**Yes**

**No**

**I do not know**

If yes, what are they?



**jobcentreplus**

**8.4** How can councils make sure care services for people with autism work with employment services and Job Centres?



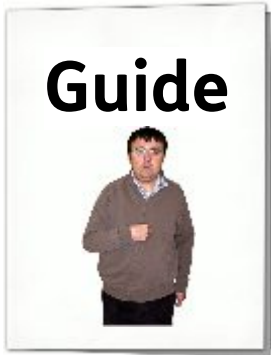
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Yes

No

I do not know

If yes, what is it?



8.6 Do you want to say anything else about this part of the guide?



## 9. Our questions about working with the criminal justice system

**NHS**



9.1 What else should the guide say about councils and NHS organisations working with the criminal justice system?



9.2 Do we explain Liaison and Diversion clearly?

Yes

No

I do not know

If not, how could we explain it better?



**9.3** Is there anything else you want to say about supporting people with autism who are involved with the criminal justice system?

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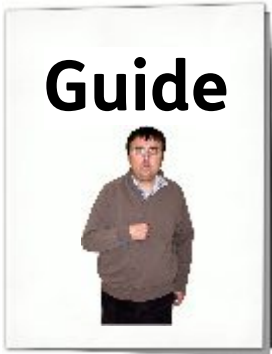
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Yes

No

I do not know

If yes, what is it?



9.5 Do you want to say anything else about this part of the guide?