

Newcastle City Council Consultation on Autism Strategy



Newcastle City Council and Skills for People are working together to gather the views of people aged 16 plus on the Autistic spectrum and their carers in Newcastle as required by the Government's National Adult Autism Strategy. Newcastle City Council has asked Skills for People to carry out this work for them. Skills for People is doing this by a survey.

The Autism Act (2009) is now law. The publication of the national adult autism strategy, 'Fulfilling and Rewarding Lives: the strategy for adults with autism in England' requires the Council to work to improve the lives of adults with autism in Newcastle as a priority. It does this by writing a "Local Autism Action Plan" (See below for links to these documents). We are using the definition of Autism that is used in the Autism Act (2009).

It's really important that we hear from as many people as possible who are affected by autism. The findings from this survey will be written into a report by Skills for People and given to Newcastle City Council. The draft of this report by Skills for People will be available in the early summer 2013. Newcastle City Council will use the report to help it to decide what it should do. Newcastle City Council and the Local Autism Working Group of which it a member, will consider the answers to the questionnaires when writing its "Local Autism Action Plan".

You may tell Skills for People your views by doing the Survey Monkey questionnaire or by writing what you think on paper. The questions are the same both ways.

There are only ten questions and we think it will take you about ten or fifteen minutes to answer them.

The more people who tell us what they think, the more it will help Newcastle City Council to do the right things.

This is the link to the Survey Monkey questionnaire:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/3YKRNLB>

If you prefer to write your answers on paper, please fill in the form and return it to the address at the bottom of the page.

Please pass this on to as many people as possible to help us gather the views of as many different people as possible.

We need all of your answers back by Friday 19th April.

If it is not easy for you to use Survey Monkey or fill in the questionnaire, our team would be happy to help – please ask us. Please also see the Easy Read version of this information. If you have any other questions about this you can contact us at:

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Telephone 0191 281 8737

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Email Information@skillsforpeople.org.uk – Please type “Autism Questionnaire” in the subject box of your email.

Links:

Autism Act 2009: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2009/15/contents>

Fulfilling and Rewarding Lives:

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_113369