

**Safeguarding Children Information Update**  
**Live Consultations**  
**Updated 10<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

**Open consultation - Learning disability and autism training for health and care staff (22/03/19)**

The government wants to know how we can make sure that health and social care staff have the right training to understand the needs of people with a learning disability and autistic people, and make reasonable adjustments to support them.

The consultation considers issues around the training and development staff need to better support people with a learning disability or autistic people.

We want to know what people think about our proposals on:

- the planned content of the training
- how the training should be delivered
- how to involve people with a learning disability or autistic people in training
- how we can mandate, monitor and evaluate the impact of training

The consultation will be of interest to:

- people with a learning disability or autistic people
- the families and carers of people with a learning disability or autistic people
- patient groups
- providers of health and social care services

Closing date: 12<sup>th</sup> April 2019

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/learning-disability-and-autism-training-for-health-and-care-staff>

**Review of the National Autism Strategy 'Think Autism': call for evidence (14/03/19)**

The government wants to hear from autistic people, families and carers about their experiences of care and support.

In April 2014 the government published 'Think Autism', a strategy for meeting the needs of autistic adults in England. The strategy supports the Autism Act 2009.

This year the Department of Health and Social Care, working with the DfE, will review the strategy and extend it to cover children as well as adults. To help us do this, we want to hear about people's experiences of care and support.

This call for evidence is for England only. It will be of particular interest to:

- autistic people – adults, children and young people
- their families
- their carers
- organisations and professionals that provide care and support to autistic people or work with autistic people

We will use the results to find out where people think progress has been made and where more needs to be done in the future.

Closing date: 16<sup>th</sup> May 2019

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/review-of-the-national-autism-strategy-think-autism-call-for-evidence>

**Open consultation - Serious violence: new legal duty to support multi-agency action (01/04/19)**

Tackling serious violence requires a multi-agency approach involving a range of partners and agencies such as education, health, social services, housing, youth and victim services, offender management and others. It is also vital that public agencies work in partnership with the voluntary and charitable sector to develop targeted interventions in local communities. Action should be guided by evidence of the problems and what works in tackling their root causes. To do this, we must bring organisations together to share information, data and intelligence and encourage them to work in concert rather than in isolation.

The consultation paper sets out options for supporting a multi-agency or ‘public health’ approach including options for the introduction of a new legal duty and a non-legislative option for partners to work together voluntarily to prevent and tackle serious violence.

We would like to hear from:

- those with expertise in working with young people at risk of criminal involvement and/or re-offending or victimisation
- those involved in law enforcement
- the communities affected by serious violence

This includes relevant professionals, such as those working in:

- social care
- education
- law enforcement
- local government
- community safety
- youth services
- offender management
- public health and healthcare

We would also value responses from the voluntary sector and, in recognition of multi-agency approaches outside England and Wales, we would also welcome responses from across the UK.

Closing date: 28<sup>th</sup> May 2019

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/serious-violence-new-legal-duty-to-support-multi-agency-action>

**Children not in school (02/04/19)**

This consultation is about establishing a local authority registration system for children who do not attend state-funded or registered independent schools.

This consultation is a follow-up to the consultation and call for evidence on elective home education held by the Department for Education in 2018.

It seeks views on proposed legislation to establish a register maintained by local authorities of children not attending mainstream schools, together with associated duties on parents and the proprietors of certain educational settings. It also consults on proposed legislation to establish a duty to support parents who educate children at home and seek support from their local authority in doing so.

Closing date: 24<sup>th</sup> June 2019

<https://consult.education.gov.uk/school-frameworks/children-not-in-school/>