

## Refreshed Autistic Spectrum Disorder Strategic Action Plan Wales

### Consultation questions response form

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Do you agree to be identified in the list of responses? Yes

Consultation questions	Response
<p><b>Chapter Two</b> <b>Awareness raising, Information and Training</b></p> <p>Do you agree with our proposals to improve awareness of ASD:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To develop and promote the ASDinfoales website.</li><li>• To provide information and training to professional groups.</li><li>• To continue to develop resources for people with autism, their parents and carers.</li></ul> <p>Are there specific areas where we need to do more to raise awareness and provide information, training and development?</p>	<p>The RCN in Wales supports the proposals relating to awareness raising, information and training. See general comments in last section below.</p>

<p><b>Chapter Three</b> <b>Assessment, Diagnosis and Support</b></p> <p>Do you agree with our plans to improve diagnostic services for children and young people through the T4CYP programme?</p> <p>Do you agree with our plans to deliver an integrated autism service for Wales which will seek to improve diagnostic services for adults.</p> <p>What more could we do to improve diagnostic services and support for children and their families?</p> <p>What more could we do to improve diagnostic services and support for adults?</p>	<p>The RCN in Wales supports the proposals relating to assessment, diagnosis and support. See general comments in last section below.</p>
<p><b>Chapter Four</b> <b>Addressing support needs</b></p> <p>Do you agree with our proposals to deliver an integrated autism service in Wales to prioritise the unmet needs of adults with autism and develop support services?</p> <p>What other areas of support for people with autism need to be addressed as a priority?</p>	<p>The RCN in Wales supports the proposals relating to addressing support needs. See general comments in last section below.</p>

<p><b>Chapter Five Education and Employment</b></p> <p>Do you agree with our plans to ensure the needs of children, young people and adults with ASD are supported in our education and employment policies?</p> <p>What else can we do to improve education support for children, young people and adults?</p> <p>What else can we do to improve employment support for young people and adults?</p>	<p>The RCN in Wales supports the proposals relating to education and employment. See general comments in last section below.</p>
<p><b>Chapter Six Delivering the priorities for action</b></p> <p>What are your views on our plans to publish a delivery plan to help us deliver and monitor the implementation of the refreshed Action Plan?</p> <p>What are your views on our plans to establish an ASD Implementation Advisory Group, to include a range of stakeholders including people with autism?</p> <p>What else do you think should be done to ensure we deliver the priorities for action and monitor progress?</p>	<p>The RCN in Wales supports the proposals relating to delivering the priorities for action. See general comments in last section below.</p>

Do you have any other comments about the priorities for action identified in the refreshed ASD SAP and our plans for delivery and monitoring implementation?

Are there any further priorities for support which should be addressed in this action plan?

The RCN in Wales is pleased that the Welsh Government has fulfilled its commitment to review the Autistic Spectrum Disorder Strategic Action Plan within the timelines that it promised when the original plan was drawn up. This indicates to the importance that the Welsh Government ascribes to this crucial area of health and social policy, which serves a potentially vulnerable citizen group, the needs of which have been for too long unserved.

It is sensible and proper that that the revised proposals are:

- (a) Based on an evaluation of the previous plan
- (b) Focussed on addressing unmet need

This will ensure that :

- (a) The previous plan is built upon
- (b) It's achievement are consolidated
- (c) The welcome £6 million Welsh Government investment relating to ASD services is applied in an appropriate manner