

## Autism Strategy – Consultation Questions Draft V5

### Introduction

We want to get as many views as possible from autistic people, their families and carers on the services and support available to them in the borough.

We went out to pre-consultation in winter 2021 to hear about your experiences of autism. We wanted to know what was important to you, what works well for you, the things that would make life easier for you, and what you want your future to look like.

All the feedback was collected and helped draft the borough-wide autism strategy. A copy of the draft strategy can be found here: [Introduction - Autism Strategy Consultation - Telford & Wrekin Council](#). If you have a more general comment about the draft strategy please email us at: [ppqteam@telford.gov.uk](mailto:ppqteam@telford.gov.uk)

As well as the strategy you can also find the feedback from the pre-consultation (held in winter 2021) and what people have told us important to them and the people they support.

We now need your views on the strategy to ensure that we are focused on the areas that are most important to you. This will help us develop an action plan to deliver the strategy.

Question Number	Question
1	<p>a) We've heard that raising awareness of autism is important, that people work in these services have an understanding/awareness of autism. Which of the following is the most important area to you that we should focus on first? Please pick one option.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• With housing providers</li> <li>• Trading Standards</li> <li>• Community spaces/venues</li> <li>• Public transport</li> <li>• Leisure Services</li> <li>• Department for work and pensions (DWP)</li> <li>• Businesses</li> <li>• Health Services</li> <li>• Local Authority</li> </ul>
2	<p>a) We've heard that having inclusive information, advice and guidance are important. Which of the following is the most important area to you that we should focus on first? Please pick one option.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information about healthy diets and healthy living</li> <li>• Information about inclusive spaces</li> <li>• Information about what is available in the community – community groups, centres and activities in the community</li> <li>• Information about inclusive health services that are autism friendly (e.g. dentist, GP, Mental Health)</li> <li>• Information and guidance on post assessment services and support</li> <li>• Information about autism in the workplace, work post-assessment support, reasonable adjustments including support from DWP.</li> <li>• Information on Live Well Telford – online directory of services available locally for all ages</li> </ul>
3	<p>a) We've heard that having inclusive and flexible services are important. Which of the following is the most important area to you that we should focus on first? Please pick one option.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supermarkets and shops extending their autism friendly hours</li> <li>• Leisure services</li> <li>• GPs / Primary Care / Dentist / Opticians</li> <li>• Mental Health services</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Services (e.g. libraries, community centres)</li> <li>• Taxis and public transport</li> <li>• Department for work and pensions</li> <li>• Supported and specialist accommodation</li> <li>• Adult Social Services</li> </ul>
4	a)	<p>We've heard that supporting autistic people into, and remaining in, employment is important. Which of the following is the most important area to you that we should focus on first? Please pick one option.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creating more opportunities for employment – work placements, apprenticeships</li> <li>• Promoting adult learning opportunities</li> <li>• Work with education providers and SEN/SEND Services to start conversations early about employment aspirations</li> <li>• Reducing barriers to employment/education/training</li> <li>• Support employers with more information on autism and reasonable adjustments</li> </ul>
5	a)	<p>We've heard that promoting autism friendly and services/support for carers are important. Which of the following is the most important area to you that we should focus on first? Please pick one option.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Independent Living Centre – digital and assistive technology</li> <li>• Autism Hub</li> <li>• Autism Drop in Service</li> <li>• Services that support budgeting and financial planning</li> <li>• Carers Centre</li> <li>• Live Well Telford</li> <li>• Further education service</li> </ul>
6	a)	<p>We've heard that transitioning from children's to adults services is important. Which of the following is the most important area to you that we should focus on first? Please pick one option.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identified lead for the young person and their family/carers transitioning</li> <li>• Support with understanding the transition from children to adult services</li> <li>• Dedicated online information point</li> <li>• Improve training providers/colleges opportunities</li> <li>• Improved pathways to paid employment</li> </ul>
7	a)	<p>In your opinion do you think our plans for autistic people will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Makes things a lot better,</i></li> <li>• <i>Makes things better,</i></li> <li>• <i>No difference,</i></li> <li>• <i>Makes things worse,</i></li> <li>• <i>Makes things a lot worse,</i></li> <li>• <i>Don't know.</i></li> </ul>
8	a)	<p>Are you satisfied with the way we are finding out what people think about this strategy?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Very satisfied,</i></li> <li>• <i>Somewhat satisfied,</i></li> <li>• <i>Neither satisfied nor unsatisfied,</i></li> <li>• <i>Somewhat unsatisfied,</i></li> <li>• <i>Very unsatisfied.</i></li> </ul>
9		Do you have further comments:

Additional Questions

The following are additional questions which we would like to ask you to assist us to understand you further.

The information you provide will be used for statistical analysis related to this questionnaire. You can find out more about how we hold and process data by visiting [www.telford.gov.uk/terms](http://www.telford.gov.uk/terms)

9 Are you/they aged?

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|-------------------|--------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| 17 years or under | <input type="checkbox"/> | 36-45 years | <input type="checkbox"/> | 66-75 years       | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 18-25 years       | <input type="checkbox"/> | 46-55 years | <input type="checkbox"/> | 76 years or over  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 26 - 35 years     | <input type="checkbox"/> | 56-65 years | <input type="checkbox"/> | Prefer not to say | <input type="checkbox"/> |

10 What is your/their gender?

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|--------|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| Female | <input type="checkbox"/> | Transgender          | <input type="checkbox"/> | Prefer not say | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Male   | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other – Please state | <input type="checkbox"/> |                |                          |

Other – please state

11 Do you/they live or work in Telford and Wrekin?

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|-----------|--------------------------|---------|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Work only | <input type="checkbox"/> | Both    | <input type="checkbox"/> | Prefer not to say | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Live only | <input type="checkbox"/> | Neither | <input type="checkbox"/> |                   |                          |

12 What is your ethnicity?

- White:** English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British
- White:** Irish
- White:** Gypsy or Traveller
- White:** Polish
- White:** Any other (please write in below)
- Mixed/multiple ethnic group:** White and Black Caribbean
- Mixed/multiple ethnic group:** White and Black African
- Mixed/multiple ethnic group:** White and Asian
- Mixed/multiple ethnic group:** Any other (please write in below)
- Asian/Asian British:** Indian
- Asian/Asian British:** Pakistani
- Asian/Asian British:** Bangladeshi
- Asian/Asian British:** Any other (please write in below)
- Black/African/Caribbean/Black British:** African (please write in country of origin below)
- Black/African/Caribbean/Black British:** Caribbean
- Black/African/Caribbean/Black British:** Any other (please write in below)
- Other ethnic group:** Arab (please write in country of origin below)
- Other ethnic group:** Chinese
- Other ethnic group:** Any other (please write in below)
- Rather not say

**Other key points:**

- Launch 7 November.
- Online questionnaire – hosted by ODD – closes on 5<sup>th</sup> December, analysis needed by 7<sup>th</sup> December. Following which Amardeep will compile Consultation report.
- Face to face Engagement sessions – hosted by Autism West Midlands – need the analysis from them by 7<sup>th</sup> December. Following which Amardeep will compile Consultation report
- Any required changes to the strategy will be sent to John Barlow by 19th December
- Look to launch the Autism Strategy January 2023

