

**THE AUTISTIC SPECTRUM DISORDER (ASD)  
STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN FOR WALES**

**MAKING LIFE BETTER FOR PEOPLE  
WITH AUTISM AND ASPERGER  
SYNDROME: YOUR RIGHT TO SAY  
WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAPPEN.**

**Children and Young People's  
Consultation Document**

## **The Welsh Assembly Government's Plans for children and young people in Wales with Autism and Asperger's Syndrome.**

The Welsh Assembly Government is trying to make sure that everything it does for children and young people is based on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. This is an agreement signed by about 200 countries. It wants all children and young people to have a happy and healthy life.

The Welsh Assembly Government wants to make special plans for children and young people with Autism and Asperger's Syndrome. In the plan, they use the words Autistic Spectrum Disorders to describe people with Autism and Asperger's syndrome.




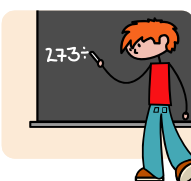
Here is a list of things that the Welsh Assembly Government wants to do for children and young people with autism and Asperger's Syndrome:

- They want people such as teachers, dentists, doctors, nurses, policemen and shop assistants to understand more about Autism and Asperger's Syndrome. They want people to be able to help you when you need them.
- They want to give someone the job of making sure that across Wales you have the services you need. Services can include schools, colleges, somewhere to work, somewhere to live, places to do the things you like best and have some fun.
- They want all the people in your local area that know a lot about autism and Asperger's Syndrome such as teachers, social workers, therapists, psychologists, doctors and nurses to work together as a team to make sure that you and your family are happy.
- They would like each local area to have someone who can act as your champion and make sure that you live and learn in an environment that does not make you feel anxious and afraid.
- They are going to produce documents that will tell people who work with you at school how they can make school better for you.
- They want to make sure that when you leave school you have the help you need at college or in a job of work. They know that sometimes change can be very frightening for you so they want to make sure you know exactly what is going to happen when you have to leave school.
- They want to find out just how many people there are in Wales who have autism and Asperger's Syndrome.

# TELL THE WELSH ASSEMBLY GOVERNMENT WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT THEIR PLANS FOR YOU?

The Welsh Assembly Government wants to know what you think about their plans for children and young people with Autism and Asperger's Syndrome.

Please answer the questions here. You may need to ask your teacher, a friend or a member of your family to help you do this.

I am 	a Boy <input type="checkbox"/>		a Girl <input type="checkbox"/>
I am ----- years old 			
My school is called----- 			



Do you want these people to know more about autism and Asperger's Syndrome:

Yes



No



Teachers



Doctors



Nurses



Dentists



Police



Shop Assistants



Can you think of anyone else you would like to know more about autism and Asperger's Syndrome?

The Welsh Assembly Government want to have someone working in Wales who can help to make sure that everyone in Wales who has autism or Asperger's Syndrome has the services they need.

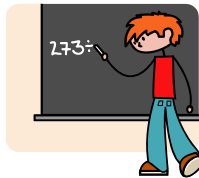


Do you think it would be a good idea to have someone who has the job of making sure that you have:

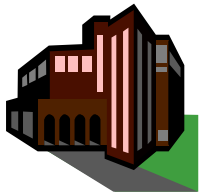
Yes



No



A school where you feel safe and happy?



A college where you can study your favourite subject?



**A job that you like doing and where people know how to help you?**



**A place to live where you feel happy and cared for?**



**Somewhere to go to have fun?**

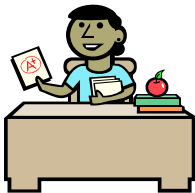


Do any of these people help you:

Yes



No



Teachers



Social Worker



Psychologist



Nurse

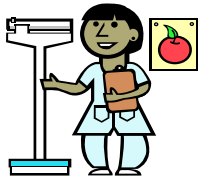


Psychiatrist (doctor)



Therapists





**Dieticians**



**Tell us about the other people who help you**



**Do you think it is a good idea for all the people who help you to meet together and talk about what makes you happy?**

Yes

No



**Would you like someone who lives in your local area to have the job of making sure that everyone works together to make life as happy as it can be for you and your family?**

Yes

No





The Welsh Assembly Government is going to give people who work in schools a list of things to do to make school a happy place to be.



Do you think that this is a good idea?

Yes

No



Are you worried what is going to happen to you when you leave school?

Yes

No





school?

What can people do to help to prepare you for leaving



Do you think it is a good idea to find out how many people living in Wales have autism or Asperger Syndrome

Yes

No





**Thank you for answering these questions. Your answers will be of great help to the Welsh Assembly Government as they plan to help people with autism and Asperger Syndrome in Wales.**



Wales' National Charity for Autism  
Elusen Genedlaethol Cymru ar gyfer Awtistiaeth

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## Consultation Response Form



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The closing date for this consultation is  
Friday 25 May 2007.

Your comments must reach us by that date.

The information you provide in your response will be subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and Environmental Information Regulations, which allow public access to information held by the Department. This does not necessarily mean that your response can be made available to the public as there are exemptions relating to information provided in confidence and information to which the Data Protection Act 1998 applies. You may request confidentiality by ticking the box provided, but you should note that neither this, nor an automatically generated e-mail confidentiality statement, would necessarily exclude the public right of access.

**Please tick if you want us to keep your response confidential**

Name

Organisation (if applicable)

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