



Strategy for Adults with Autism in Kent Consultation Questionnaire

This questionnaire can be completed online at www.kent.gov.uk/autismstrategy.

Alternatively, fill in this paper form and return to: Autism Strategy Consultation, Kent County Council, Maidstone ME14 1XX. If you would like to be sent a FREEPOST envelope, please contact sensoryandautism@kent.gov.uk or call 03000 418100.

Please ensure your response reaches us by Sunday 13 November 2016.

Section 1 – About You

Q1. Are you responding as?

Please select the option from the list below that most closely represents how you will be responding to this consultation.

Please tick one only.

- As a person with autism
- As a carer / family member of a person with autism
- As an individual professional working with people with autism

Responding on behalf of:

- A person with autism
- A local authority / council
- A health organisation such as a CCG, Hospital Trust or GP Practice
- An educational establishment, such as a school, college or university
- A business
- A charity, voluntary or community sector organisation (VCS)
- On behalf of any other group or responding in any other capacity

Please tell us what this is below:



If you are a person with autism or you are responding on behalf of a person who has autism

Q2. Which of the descriptions below best describes your/ their diagnosis?

Please tick one only.

- Autism / autistic (undiagnosed)
 - Autism /autistic (diagnosed)
 - Autism and learning difficulties
 - Asperger's Syndrome
 - Higher functioning autism or higher ability autism
 - Other
- Please write in below:*

N/A

If you are a person with autism, responding on behalf of someone who has autism, or a carer / family member of a person with autism

Q3. Please tell us your postcode

We use this to help us to analyse our data. It will not be used to identify who you are.

If you are responding on behalf of a person with autism please give their postcode

Please write in below:

TN13 1HJ

If you are a professional working with people with autism

Q4. Are you?

Please tick one only.

- A social care professional
 - A health professional
 - An education professional
 - Working in the voluntary sector
 - Other
- Please write in below:*

Sevenoaks District Council – we work with people with autism across a variety of services we offer, including health prevention, housing and benefits services.



If you are a professional working with people with autism

Q5. Which areas of Kent do you cover?

Please select all that apply.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Canterbury	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dartford	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dover	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Gravesham	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Maidstone	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Medway	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sevenoaks	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Shepway	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Swale	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Swanley	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Thanet	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tonbridge & Malling	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tunbridge Wells	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other East Kent <i>please write in:</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other North Kent <i>please write in:</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other South Kent <i>please write in:</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other West Kent <i>please write in:</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Elsewhere in the UK	
<input type="checkbox"/>	None of the above	

If you are responding on behalf of an organisation (a Local Authority/Council, health organisation, educational establishment, business, VCS or any other group)

Q6. Please tell us the name of the organisation.

Please write in below:

Sevenoaks District Council



Section 2 – Your Response to the Strategy

Q7. Please tell us whether the strategy document was easy or difficult to understand.

Please tick one only.

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | The whole document was easy to understand |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Most of the document was easy to understand |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Some of the document was easy to understand |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | The document was not at all easy to understand |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Don't know / Not sure |

Q8. Please tell us what, if anything, you didn't understand in the strategy document.

Please write your comments below.

Efforts have been made to make the document easy to read. In some parts, there was too much text. In addition, some people find charts hard to understand and engage with. The use of infographics should be considered to simply communication of information.



Q9. Please indicate the level of importance that you attach to each of the following aims of the strategy.

Please tick one box per row.

	Very important	Quite important	Neither important nor unimportant	Fairly unimportant	Not at all important	Don't know / Not sure
a. Enable Kent County Council to collect better information about the needs of people with autism	X					
b. Ensuring that the views of people with autism and their families and carers are taken into account in the development of new policies, strategies and services.	X					
c. Enable Kent County Council to work together more effectively with agencies (e.g. health, police, the courts and probation).	X					
d. Provide better support for adults going through assessment and diagnosis for autism	X					
e. Ensure a smooth transition for young people with autistic spectrum conditions from children's to adult services, and from school to college.	X					
f. Ensure that there is suitable Further Education provision (after leaving school) in Kent for young people with autistic spectrum conditions.	X					
g. Ensure that all schools and colleges provide support so that more young people with autistic spectrum conditions can achieve qualifications.	X					



	Very important	Quite important	Neither important nor unimportant	Fairly unimportant	Not at all important	Don't know / Not sure
h. Improve the support to families and unpaid carers of people with autistic spectrum conditions.	X					
i. Provide support to increase the number of people with autistic spectrum conditions who are in employment (both paid and voluntary).	X					
j. Promote meaningful autism awareness training for organisations and their employees.	X					
k. Develop a range of housing and related support services for people with autistic spectrum conditions.	X					
l. Develop services to help people with autism in their daily lives.	X					

Q10. Overall, how confident are you that the strategy addresses the key issues that will improve the lives of adults with autistic spectrum conditions?

Please tick one only.

- Very confident
- Fairly confident
- Not very confident
- Not at all confident
- Don't know / Not sure



Q11. If there is anything else that you think should be included in the Strategy, or if you have any other comments to make please write this in below.

See attached – Appendix C

Q12. We have completed an initial Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) for the draft Strategy. An EqIA is a tool to assess the impact any policies or strategies would have on the following protected characteristics: race, age, disability, gender, gender reassignment, sexual orientation, religion or belief and carer’s responsibilities. The EqIA is available online at www.kent.gov.uk/autismstrategy or on request.

If you want to make any comments about the EqIA please write them below.

N/A



Section 3 - Future Engagement and Communication

Q13. If you would like to be contacted about this consultation, please write in your contact details below and tick one or both of the options beneath:

Our preferred method of communication is by email, however if you do not have an email address then please provide your postal address.

Name:	Alan Whiting
Email address:	Alan.whiting@sevenoaks.gov.uk
Postal address:	The Council Offices Argyle Road Sevenoaks Kent
Postcode	TN13 1HJ

Q13a. Would you like to receive feedback about this consultation?

Please tick one only.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes
<input type="checkbox"/>	No

Q13b. Kent County Council is committed to working in partnership with people with autism and their families and carers. Would you like to be involved in this in the future? (Involvement could be by email, attending meetings, a one-to-one meeting or over the phone)

Please tick one only.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes
<input type="checkbox"/>	No



Section 4 – More About You

We want to make sure that everyone is treated fairly and equally, and that no one gets left out. That's why we are asking you these questions. We won't share the information you give us with anyone else. We'll use it only to help us make decisions and improve our services.

If you would rather not answer any of these questions, you don't have to.

You only need to answer these questions if you are responding as a person with autism, the carer / family member of a person with autism, or responding on behalf of someone who has autism.

It is not necessary to answer these questions if you are responding as a professional working with people with autism or on behalf of an organisation.

If you are responding to this questionnaire on behalf of someone with autism please answer these questions using their details and not your own.

Q14. Are you.....? *Please tick one only.*

<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>

Male

Female

I prefer not to say



Q15. Which of these best describes your employment status?

Please tick one only.

- Working - in full-time job (30+ hours per week)
- Working - in part-time job (under 30 hours per week)
- Self-employed (full or part-time)
- Voluntary work
- On a government supported training programme (e.g. Modern Apprenticeship, Training for Work)
- Full time education at school, college or university
- Unemployed
- Unable to work due to disability/sickness
- Wholly retired from work
- Looking after the home
- Doing something else

Please tell us what this is below:

I prefer not to say

Q16. Which of these age groups applies to you? *Please tick one only.*

- | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|-------|--------------------------|-------|--------------------------|-------|--------------------------|-------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 0-15 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 25-34 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 50-59 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 65-74 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 85 + over |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 16-24 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 35-49 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 60-64 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 75-84 | <input type="checkbox"/> | I prefer not to say |



Q17. To which of these ethnic groups do you feel you belong? *Please tick one only.*

(Source: 2011 Census)

White English	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mixed White & Black Caribbean	<input type="checkbox"/>
White Scottish	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mixed White & Black African	<input type="checkbox"/>
White Welsh	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mixed White & Asian	<input type="checkbox"/>
White Northern Irish	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mixed Other*	<input type="checkbox"/>
White Irish	<input type="checkbox"/>	Black or Black British Caribbean	<input type="checkbox"/>
White Gypsy/Roma	<input type="checkbox"/>	Black or Black British African	<input type="checkbox"/>
White Irish Traveller	<input type="checkbox"/>	Black or Black British Other*	<input type="checkbox"/>
White Other*	<input type="checkbox"/>	Arab	<input type="checkbox"/>
Asian or Asian British Indian	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chinese	<input type="checkbox"/>
Asian or Asian British Pakistani	<input type="checkbox"/>	I prefer not to say	<input type="checkbox"/>
Asian or Asian British Bangladeshi	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Asian or Asian British Other*	<input type="checkbox"/>		

***Other Ethnic Group - If your ethnic group is not specified on the list, please describe it here**

The Equality Act 2010 describes a person as disabled if they have a longstanding physical or mental condition that has lasted, or is likely to last, at least 12 months; and this condition has a substantial adverse effect on their ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities. People with some conditions (cancer, multiple sclerosis and HIV/AIDS, for example), are considered to be disabled from the point that they are diagnosed.

Q18. Do you consider yourself to be disabled as set out in the Equality Act 2010?

Please tick one only.

Yes
 No
 I prefer not to say



Q18a. If you answered ‘Yes’ to Q18, please tell us the type of impairment that applies to you. You may have more than one type of impairment, so please tick **all** that apply. If none of these applies to you, please select ‘Other’, and give brief details of the impairment you have.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Physical impairment	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sensory impairment (hearing, sight or both)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Longstanding illness or health condition, or epilepsy	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mental health condition	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Learning disability	
<input type="checkbox"/>	I prefer not to say	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other <i>Please write in</i>	<input style="width: 400px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>

Q19. Do you regard yourself as belonging to a particular religion or belief?
Please tick one only.

Yes
 No
 I prefer not to say

Q19a. If you answered ‘Yes’ to Q19, which of the following applies to you?
Please tick one only

<input type="checkbox"/>	Christian	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Buddhist	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hindu	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jewish	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Muslim	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sikh	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other <i>Please write in below:</i>	<input style="width: 400px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	I prefer not to say	



Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.

Please post it to:

**The Autistic Spectrum Conditions Team
2nd Floor, Kroner House
Eurogate Business Park
Ashford
Kent TN24 8XU**

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