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Better Services, Better Lives

New Plan to make services for adults with autism and their families better

We are writing to you to let you know about an important new plan in Kingston to improve services and support for adults with autism spectrum conditions (ASC) including Asperger syndrome.

This Plan is about supporting people with autism to have a better life and we need your help to make sure its right.

The plan sets out how we will make services work better in four main areas:

1. Making it easier for people to find out if they have autism and so get the support they need
2. Teaching more people such as social workers, doctors and support workers about autism so they can offer the right support to people
3. Helping young people with autism move into Adult Social Care Services in an easy and helpful way
4. Having a senior manager to lead the planning of services for people with autism backed up by a Board which will include people with autism and their families.

You can find our Plan at:

www.kingston.gov.uk/draft_autism_strategy

We can also have some hard copies at Sessions House (17 Ewell Road, Surbiton) or let us know if you want us to send you a copy.

How you can have your say

We want everyone with autism and their families and carers to have a chance to have their say about our new plan.

You can have your say in a number of different ways, whichever way suits you best. You can choose any or all of these ways if you want.

Workshops

We are running two workshops where you can find out about our Plan and get involved with others to discuss it.

These workshops will be held on:

Thursday 11th July, 12 noon to 2pm and

Tuesday 16th July, 6pm to 8pm

Kingsmeadow, Jack Goodchild Way, 422a Kingston Road, Kingston KT1 3PB.

We will be providing refreshments. If you would like to come to one of these Workshops, please let us know on 020 8547 6537.

Online questionnaire

We will have an online questionnaire you can fill in from **Monday 1st July** at:

www.kingston.gov.uk/draft_autism_strategy

Small group discussions

If you attend a group for people with autism there will be an opportunity to discuss the Plan at one of your meetings. Your support worker will be able to tell you more about this.

More information and help

If you need more information on our Plan, help to understand it, or you need the information on audio-tape or in another language, please call 020 8547 6537.

We look forward to seeing you at one of the Workshops and/or receiving your questionnaire.

Thank you very much for your help.

Yours sincerely



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