

Reading is conducting a Needs Assessment in order to refresh its Autism Strategy, to set out a clear and up to date plan for how partners will work together to support autistic people in our borough. This will be an all-age strategy. When a person moves from childhood to adulthood, there are different legal frameworks which statutory services need to follow. We want the new Strategy to help make the transition from children to adults' services as smooth as possible for autistic people and their families. To help us put this strategy together, we need to understand what is working well and what needs to be improved.

We welcome your support in sharing the needs assessment surveys with autistic people and parents, families, and carers you work with, as well as your colleagues or partners who work with autistic people and your own views also. To this aim, please see the links below to the surveys that can be shared as appropriate with people you are in contact with:

**Autistic people** – Needs assessment survey 2022 <https://consult.reading.gov.uk/dachs/8a6cd397>

**Parents and carers** – Needs assessment survey 2022 <https://consult.reading.gov.uk/css/f9bc0744/>

**Professionals** – Needs assessment survey 2022 <https://consult.reading.gov.uk/css/b9bad8e9/>

We also attach the latest versions of the surveys as Word documents.

We look forward to receiving responses to the survey, which will help shape the priorities that will form part of the autism strategy. We've opened the surveys to run until 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022