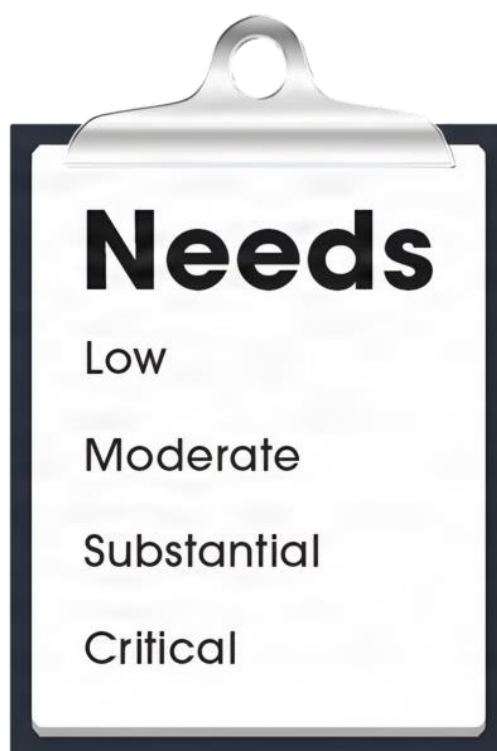




Learning disabilities and autism needs assessment Easy Read



What this report is about



- people with learning disabilities



- autistic people



The report is about life in Solihull.



The report helps us understand:

- what is working well



- what is hard for people



- where people need more help



- what needs to change

About people in Solihull



People with learning disabilities are an important part of Solihull.

Autistic people are an important part of Solihull.

We want everyone to live a life that is:

- healthy

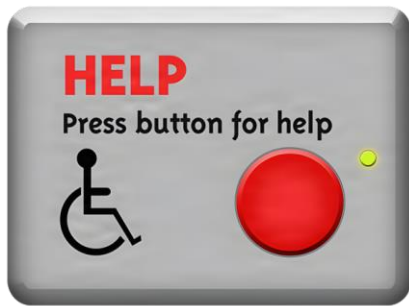


- safe



- happy





Some people need extra help at different times. Help can come from:

- doctors



- nurses



- schools





- social workers



- housing teams



- charities



- community groups



These services need to work well together.

This helps people get the support they need.

What Solihull Council wants



Solihull Council wants people to get the support they need:



- the right help



- at the right time



- in the right place



We want services to be fair and easy to use.



We want people to be as independent as possible.



This means doing things for themselves when they can.

What Solihull Council found out



Health

More people in Solihull have learning disabilities or are autistic than in the past.



The number of people is still increasing.



People with learning disabilities often have poorer health than other people.



People with learning disabilities die younger than other people.



Children and school

Children with learning disabilities and autistic children sometimes find school difficult.



Where adults live

- Most adults with learning disabilities or autism live in their own homes.



- Some adults with learning disabilities or autism live in supported housing.



- Some adults with learning disabilities or autism live in care homes.



Getting support later in life

- Some adults only get support when they are older.



- This can happen when family members cannot help anymore.



Work and jobs

- More people are getting help to find jobs.



- Not everyone who wants to work can get a job yet.



Families and carers

- Families and carers often need more information or support.



- The council and charities can help.



- We want to make sure the support is right for them.

What needs to happen next



Services need good plans for the future. Plans must meet people's needs.



Learn from the lives of people with learning disabilities and autistic people to help everyone stay happy and healthy.



Help more people to live in their own or supported housing.



Help more adults to get jobs.



We need better information.



This helps us understand what people need and it makes services better.