

Disability Strategy 2022

Consultation document



EasyRead Version



Introduction



When we say 'we' in this document, we mean 'Essex County Council'.



When we say 'you' we mean adults with disabilities or people who care for someone with disabilities.



We want to make sure you receive the care and support you need, when you need it.



We will write a strategy to tell you what we will do to support you over the next 4 years.



This strategy will be for adults over the age of 18 who have:

- a learning disability



- a sensory impairment



- a physical disability, including brain injuries



This strategy will tell us:

- what we do now



- how you feel about how things are now



- what we need to do to make things better



We want to ask you some questions about what you think should be included in our strategy.



You do not have to take part if you do not want to.

But what you tell us will help us to write our strategy.



We follow the law about data protection.



We will not share any information about you without your consent.



Survey

Why are you interested in taking part in this survey? Please tick



I have a disability



I help a friend, family member or neighbour who has a disability



I support people with disabilities as part of my job

What type of disability? Please tick



Learning disability with autism



Learning disability (no autism)



Sensory impairment



Physical disability

We think our consultation should focus on 4 key areas.
Please tell us how important each area is to you.



Least
important



Not
important



Less
important



Important



Most
important

Please tick ☒



Area 1

You want to have good
relationships with people.



Area 2

You want to live somewhere
that feels like home.



Area 3

You want to be safe and
healthy.





Area 4

You want to be able to do things in your community.

This might be getting a job or learning something new.



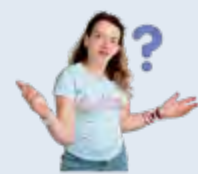
Do you think we have missed an important area?



Yes



No



Not sure

Please tell us what:





When we say “Meaningful Life” we are talking about the things you do that make you happy and feel fulfilled.

Please tick which things in the list below make your life meaningful. 



Having a job.



Being in a relationship.



Having a group of friends.



Seeing my family.



Being able to choose the activities I do.



Yes



No



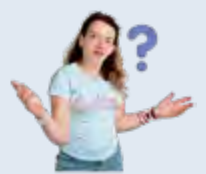
Not sure



Yes



No



Not sure



Being able to get out and about by myself.



Being able to choose where I live.



Being able to choose who I live with.



Being able to practise my religion.



Looking after a pet.

What else makes your life meaningful?



1. Good relationships



You have told us that you like to spend time with friends and people who understand your disability.



You also said that you often feel left out because people do not understand your disability.

You find it difficult to access local places and groups.

Please tell us how much you agree that the following changes are important to help you have good relationships. Please tick



- To have more support to go out in the community.



- To have help to stay living close to your friends and family.





- To have more support with communication.



- To have more support to make new friends.



- That social care staff understand that everyone is different.



- To have more face to face time with social care staff.



- People understand disabilities better.





- To have easier access to community spaces.



- To feel safe in your community.



- Services listen to you and work with you to improve their offering.



Do we need to change anything else to make it easier for you to have good relationships?



2. A place to feel at home



You have told us that you want to live in a safe place that meets your needs and feels like home.

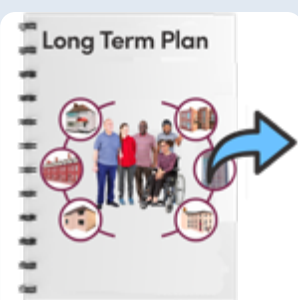


You also said that you want to live close to friends and family, but you have to go somewhere that is far away to get the support you need.

Please tell us how much you agree that the following changes are important to help you feel at home. Please tick



- Services help you to be independent by focusing on what you can do.



- Services help you make plans for the future.





- There are more places available for you to live.



- Care staff understand your needs better.



- You have more information to help you find the right place to live.



- You have easier access to equipment and support in your home.



Do we need to change anything else to make it easier for you to find the right place to live?



3. Staying healthy, safe and well



You have told us that you want to feel more in control of your health and care but that you do not always have the right information.



You also said that you find it difficult to plan for the future.

Please tell us how much you agree that the following changes are important to help stay safe and well. Please tick



- Health and care services have a better understanding of disability.



- Health and care services work together to help you stay healthy





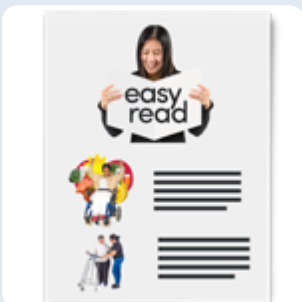
- Health and care services work together to help you recover better from illness or injury.



- Services help you to be more active.



- To have more control over your own health and care records.



- You have access to information in a format you can understand.



Do we need to change anything else to make it easier for you to stay healthy, safe and well?



4. Being active



You have told us that you want to do things in your community but other people think you are not able because of your disability.



You would like to do and learn new things but it is difficult for you to access these.

Please tell us how much you agree that the following changes are important to:

- help you feel that you are part of something in your community.
- help you to do things that are important to you.

Please tick



- Social workers talk to you about getting a job.



- Your support focuses more on what you can do than what you can't do.





- Businesses give more paid jobs to people with disabilities.



- There is better transport to help you get to work or activities.



- You can take part in meaningful activities if you are not able to work at the moment.



Do we need to change anything else to make it easier for you to be active and feel that you are part of something?





There is already an Autism Strategy for people who have autism only.

We think that autism should only included in the Disability Strategy if people have a disability as well as autism.

Do you agree with this?



Yes



No



Not sure

About you

The following questions are to help us understand more about you. You do not have to answer these questions if you do not want to.

How old are you? Please tick the box



Under 16

16 - 17

18 to 24

25 to 34

35 to 44

45 - 54

55 to 64

65 - 74

75 to 84

Over 85

Prefer not to say

What gender do you most identify with? Please tick the box



A man

A woman

I use my own word

Prefer not to say

Where in Essex do you live? Please tick the box



Basildon

Braintree

Brentwood

Castle Point

Chelmsford

Colchester

Epping
Forest

Harlow

Maldon

Rochford

Tendring

Uttlesford

Southend

Thurrock

I don't live in
Essex

Prefer not to
say



What is your background?
Please tick the box



Asian:
Pakistani

Black: African

White: British

Asian:
Bangladeshi

Black:
Caribbean

White: Irish

Asian: Indian

Black: Other

White: Other

Asian: Other

Chinese

Gypsy/Roma

Mixed ethnic
background

Other

Traveller of
Irish heritage



If you have any questions or comments about this survey, you can email us at:

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Thank you for taking the time to answer our questions.