

2. We will provide care, support and lifelong developments to people with autism as close to their home as possible.

Actions	Timescales
To ensure that, where possible, needs are met locally so that people with autism can be supported and remain within their communities.	10 years
To work in partnership with key stakeholders and, using autism mapping data, to provide information on what services are available.	2 years
<p>To identify gaps in service provision in all agencies where front-line staff work with people with autism and their families, and work to develop services in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Criminal justice ➤ Housing ➤ Health ➤ Education ➤ Family support ➤ Employment and employers ➤ Leisure and sports services ➤ Police Scotland ➤ Private, voluntary and independent organisations 	5 years
To ensure that a personalised approach is taken when assessing and providing services.	5 years
To undertake a review of educational / lifelong learning provision available for adults with autism.	2 years
To engage with police and criminal justice partners to ensure that people with autism are treated fairly and diverted from their services wherever possible.	5 years
To develop a framework and protocols for the assessment and management of risk in relation to people with autism.	5 years

3. We will establish a clear diagnostic and support pathway for people with autism across the lifespan.	
Actions	Timescale
To maintain a diagnostic process for children with autism.	2 years
To establish a diagnostic process for adults who may have autism.	5 years
To provide information explaining the diagnostic process for people with autism and their families.	5 years
To establish post diagnostic information for children/adults with autism and their families.	2 years
To provide information to people with autism and their families on their entitlement to support services.	2 years
To enable agencies routinely to signpost people with autism and their families to appropriate services.	5 years
Annually to review and evaluate the diagnostic process.	5 years
To seek the views of people with autism and their families who have used the process.	5 years

4. We will develop a register for children, young people and adults with a diagnosis of autism.	
Actions	Timescale
To establish a register of people with a diagnosis of ASD across the lifespan	5 years
To encourage agencies to develop joint governance arrangements for the sharing and timely updating of this information	5 years
To ensure that people with ASD are aware of the existence of an ASD register and that this information will be held in accordance with data protection guidelines	5 years

5. We will ensure that moving between services and agencies is as easy as possible.	
Actions	Timescale
To identify available services for people affected by ASD	2 years
To identify the barriers in moving easily between those services (utilising information from the training needs analysis & mapping exercise)	2 years
To ensure there is relevant information available to families that is accessible, easily understood & transparent to all	5 years
To identify areas of good practice in moving between services and make this available to service providers, people with ASD and their families and carers	5 years
To continue to promote & develop opportunities for meaningful paid and non-paid employment and lifelong learning, including social enterprise approaches, for people with ASD	10 years
To continue to promote and develop solutions which address the housing needs of people with ASD	10 years
To ensure ongoing support for the health and social care needs of adults with ASD living independently.	10 years