





1. Do you agree with the vision?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		100.0%	39
No		0.0%	0
If no, please say what you would change.			0
answered question			39
skipped question			0



2. Do you agree with the aims?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		94.3%	33
No		5.7%	2
If no, please say what you would change			4
answered question			35
skipped question			4

3. Is the strategy understandable?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		100.0%	33
No		0.0%	0
If no, please say what you would change.			1
answered question			33
skipped question			6

4. Do you think we have missed anything from the strategy?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		22.6%	7
No		77.4%	24

If yes, please tell us what it is. 10

answered question	31
skipped question	8

5. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about, relating to autism in Moray?

	Response Count
	16
answered question	16
skipped question	23

Page 3, Q2. Do you agree with the aims?

1	I agree in principle but my concern is with the wording of 2. In theory it would be nice if it were a simple process to find out if someone has autism but in reality this can be clinically difficult especially where there are co morbid or differential diagnoses. 2 suggests that it should be people's right to be able to be screened for ASD whereas it would be better to slant it according to NICE guidelines which talk about there needing to be a functional impairment in someone's life before advancing to the requirement of a diagnostic process.	Nov 26, 2013 9:05 AM
2	I would like to see some reference to opportunities for people to contribute to society and a wide variety of systems and opportunity for this.	Nov 18, 2013 2:40 PM
3	Next step is working out the who, what, where, when and how these aims are created, met, financed, managed and sustained.	Oct 23, 2013 1:42 PM
4	Cutbacks in education, in particular in SfL provision, in many schools in Moray means this is not the case for a great many.	Oct 17, 2013 3:18 PM

Page 4, Q3. Is the strategy understandable?

1	We feel the document reads as a vision or mission statement rather than a strategy.	Nov 25, 2013 12:27 PM
---	---	-----------------------

Page 5, Q4. Do you think we have missed anything from the strategy?

1	What about the people who either don't want a diagnosis or who have a related condition such as a Specific Language Impairment. As a service, we always been concerned about singling out autism as a special category may mean the needs of other, who are not autistic, are not addressed.	Nov 25, 2013 12:30 PM
2	Clearer information about how to gain diagnosis	Nov 20, 2013 2:47 PM
3	As mentioned previously often our value comes from our contribution. I believe our challenge for the future is identifying everyone's skills and gift so they contribute in a way that is meaningful to them. Without this we could run the risk of perpetuating systems that only provide care and support and miss opportunities for people to use their skills to contribute.	Nov 18, 2013 2:43 PM
4	Integration in schools- some guidance on level of support according to needs of pupil	Nov 14, 2013 6:04 PM
5	i think it is a very strong starting point - other required inputs will become apparent once 'the ball has started rolling'.	Oct 31, 2013 10:39 AM
6	As I do not have indepth knowledge on autism I do not feel qualified to comment	Oct 30, 2013 2:22 PM
7	I understand this is planning but I feel it is missing some more specific details on how the aims of the strategy are going to be implemented.	Oct 23, 2013 1:44 PM
8	No joined up staffing structure.	Oct 22, 2013 11:37 AM
9	Much of it is based on the council doing their bit and supporting our young people with additional support needs-Moray council is cutting back in this area.	Oct 17, 2013 3:20 PM
10	I can't say for definate, I'm sure time will tell	Oct 17, 2013 1:46 PM

Page 6, Q5. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about, relating to autism in Moray?

1	<p>I have concerns that while the leads in services reflect the Scottish strategy that there maybe structural problems inherent in this as they effectively become gatekeepers. The Named person and GP are logical people to be involved administratively in the processes of diagnosis and service coordination etc. However it would seem that an individuals path may be dependant on the enthusiasm or otherwise of these professionals. I cannot speak directly re Named persons but would have some concerns re school staff in that their knowledge and motivation may not be best placed unless there is a massive investment in training and attitudinal shift (In spite of the sterling task the training team have been doing). Similarly re GPs I am not aware that they have been in the forefront of discussions and enthusiasm re the strategy and in fact I would imagine they might see this as yet another burden put upon them. Therefore there may be a need to have fall back processes so that ASD needs do not get missed.</p>	Nov 26, 2013 9:07 AM
2	<p>- Is the term Asperger's is 'current'? High Functioning Autism seems to be more widely used by the Rowan Centre for example. - Some clarity on the Lead Officer role would be helpful in the strategy. - There is still ambiguity about whether LIAP is a meeting, a process which happens for all children or a process which begins further down the intervention route. Not all children with ASD are or should be subject to the LIAP process as we understand it. Not all children require support outwith school so ASfL processes will often suffice. Also Co-ordinated Support Plans are not referenced, despite having a statutory basis.</p>	Nov 25, 2013 12:38 PM
3	<p>Aims and visions sound good but how can these be achieved? Is there additional funding available or are existing services to implement these?</p>	Nov 20, 2013 2:48 PM
4	<p>There is currently no dedicated NHSG resource to support the diagnosis of autism and whilst it can be important for some individuals to have an accurate diagnosis, it can be stigmatising for this function to be associated with the psychiatric or specialised mental hhealth services. In the current financial climate it will be challenging to identify a service or group of clinicians to undertake a diagnostic service but this function will underpin the success of the remainder of the care pathway for affected individuals. Perhaps the strategy should be more explicit about identifying resource to support the diagnostic process? The mental health and learning disabilities service will be keen to support any short term multi-agency group set up to take the strategy forward but the leadership for this function should come via the CHSCP given the agreed importance of the family doctor in the pathway. SIGN 98 focuses mainly on younger people and children and the current configuration of our joint services for children and adolescents reflects the importance of this approach.</p>	Nov 18, 2013 4:50 PM
5	<p>People generally don't want a service they want a life and often service get in the way. I know these are difficult issues but I would like to see any strategy aspiring to these ideals and moving away from a service led model and instead focusing on personalisation and coproduction while maximising opportunities for natural and unpaid support. The document was really positive And it is great that Moray are doing this. As I have family with autism in moray and also work for a provider it is reassuring. Sorry about the spelling, I was filling this in on the train on my phone.</p>	Nov 18, 2013 2:50 PM
6	<p>Not many people are taking the opportunity of the Lego therapy group, run by Beryl Bokor, in the Moray Art centre. It is on a Saturday morning and very valued and successful for the children attending.</p>	Nov 4, 2013 6:10 PM
7	<p>Within our services (mental health) - we have clients who have autism and it</p>	Oct 31, 2013 10:40 AM

Page 6, Q5. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about, relating to autism in Moray?

	is refreshing to read this strategy.	
8	I have no experience in this area and therefore cannot comment	Oct 30, 2013 2:22 PM
9	There does not seem to be much support for young people with Autism in respect of clubs and groups to access in the evenings and during school holidays.	Oct 29, 2013 12:03 PM
10	Yes - the lack of assistance with diagnosis and immediate post diagnosis. Having had experience of supporting two families whilst they tried to get a diagnosis - one for an adult and one a teenager - there seems to be a distinct lack of expertise locally. The nearest help was advised as being in the central belt. Access to specialist needs to be prioritised.	Oct 28, 2013 7:22 PM
11	I feel the strategy has a positive attitude to Autism and has good ideas. While some people may and will want to opt in to specific Autism services like support groups and activities etc. I think it will be hard to 'create' groups that will suit all the variety of people's needs/wants/goals who are on the autistic spectrum. Engaging people with mainstream services and with their own local communities (whether through 1:1 work or assisted/advised/long arm guidance) maybe a better approach while giving people the option of disclosing their Autism or not. I'm an Occupational Therapist (OT) and feel we as professionals have relevant and useful skills in assessment and treatment/supporting/promoting independence in people with Autism and would like to suggest OTs be considered as professionals who maybe part of an 'Autism Team' working to integrate the Moray Autism Strategy. Kind Regards.	Oct 23, 2013 1:55 PM
12	From discussions with other parents in other areas it seems that in Moray we are better equipped and have a better understanding of the requirements for autism, however I would say that there are gaps in respite provision and also sometimes in transition for children going into secondary education and those going from education into adult services which perhaps need to be addressed.	Oct 23, 2013 7:43 AM
13	I find that the schools in Moray do not cater for people with High-Functioning Autism - or, more to the point, they are unaware that such a thing even exists. Now, this could just be from my experience, but I was constantly wrote off as lazy and bored - for no reason other than I finished the work within a quarter of the class time and they wouldn't give me any more to do, and that I refused to communicate with most of the people in my class because they made fun of me and bullied me for being different. It was only because my mother took me to see a clinical psychologist (who, as a point, felt like she wanted to get rid of me each and every session, and even my mother noticed this, so it wasn't just me being paranoid) that anything even got noted in the school system (whereupon their reaction was pretty much "Oh yeah. Well that explains a lot"). I was pulled out of school and was home-educated for a year, simply because the school wasn't doing anything to help me, merely pushing me down even further. However, college seems to be far better with dealing with the fact I have Asperger's, and I feel well-supported within their system, so it could just be primary school and high school. I think there should also be an easier way of getting help, one that does not require picking up a phone	Oct 19, 2013 1:59 PM
14	I feel children and families with Autism does not have enough support locally In Moray compared to other areas in Scotland and even compared to Aberdeen and Shire. When we have tried to access the Autism Support in Aberdeen but because of physical boundaries (even though we are same	Oct 18, 2013 1:41 PM

Page 6, Q5. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about, relating to autism in Moray?

NHS Grampain) either we are denied or it is mostly unsuitable for families due to distance.

- | | | |
|----|--|----------------------|
| 15 | I have a nephew who is in the process of being diagnosed with Aspergers/Autism. It appears to have been a very lengthy process so far and has taken around 2 years with still no definite diagnosis/support package for him. Hopefully this strategy will improve things. | Oct 17, 2013 3:25 PM |
| 16 | Feel the lack of commitment from Moray council in supporting "ALL" young people is extremely concerning. Additional support needs provision in Moray seems to be unvalued and unrespected by the powers that be. Moray Council, I feel, is failing its young people with additional support needs eg Autism. | Oct 17, 2013 3:23 PM |