



Department of Health

08/08/2016

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Dear L Fisher,

Thank you for your request of 22nd July 2016 under the Freedom of Information Act (2000). Your exact request was:

*“Would it please be possible to have a list of Local Authorities who have set up an Autism Partnership Board?
Out of these, I would like to know which ones have declared having at least one autistic person sitting on their board.
I know there is data about implementation of the Autism Act by local authorities, but I have not found a list of Autism Partnership Boards within the last self-assessments, which I believe were completed in 2014.”*

This information is not held centrally by the Department of Health.

The Department of Health has however included a question on Autism Programme Boards in the latest self-assessment exercise for Local Authorities and their partners, which was launched last month. The question is:

Do you have a local Autism Programme Board or equivalent in place which meets at least once a year and includes representatives of at least Adult Social Care and the Clinical Commissioning Group(s).

The local authority area can answer yes/no and comments are also sought.

In addition, there is a question on how local authorities and their partners engage with people with autism and their families in planning and implementing the Autism Strategy.

Public Health England plan to publish a report on the results of the exercise by March 2017.

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Yours sincerely,

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