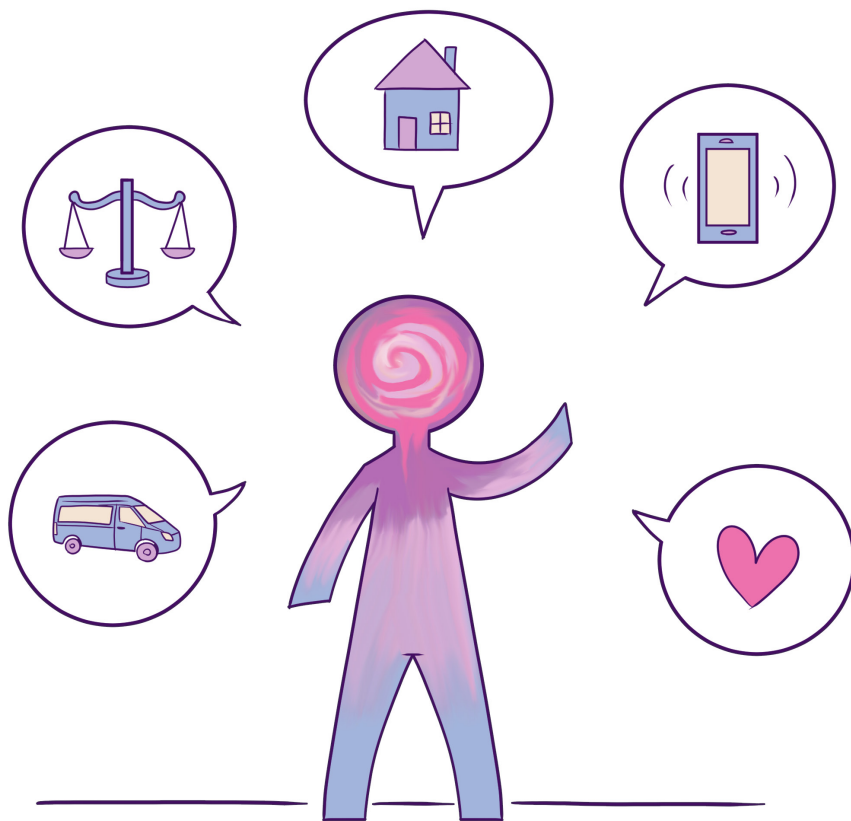


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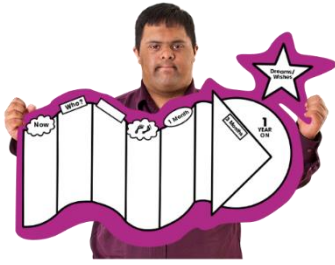
The Scottish Government have had **national strategies** on learning disability.



The Scottish Government have had **national strategies** on autism.



National means covering all of Scotland.



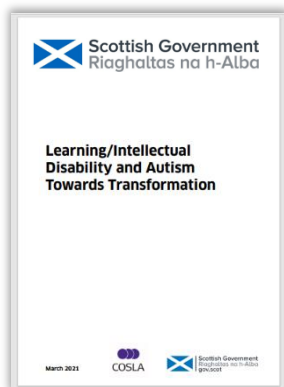
Strategies are big plans with actions.



Strategies help the Scottish Government to make **policies**.



Scottish Government **policies** are plans for action.

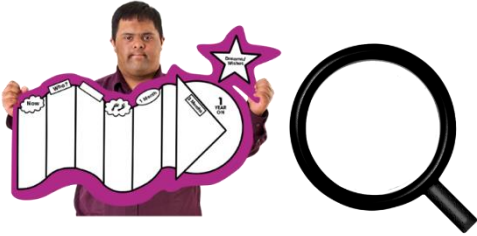


The Scottish Government made a joint plan for learning disability and autism.

This plan is called **Towards Transformation**.



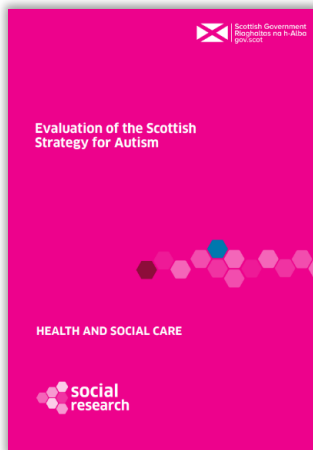
All Scottish Government strategies are **reviewed** by the Scottish Parliament and other people.



A **review** is when a strategy is looked at and changes might be made.



The Autism Strategy has been reviewed to make sure it was doing what it said it would do.



A report was written called Evaluation of the Scottish Autism Strategy.



The **Cross-Party Group** on Autism reviewed the Autism Strategy to make sure it was doing what it said it would do.



A Cross-Party Group is a group of people who are interested in an issue.

The Cross-Party Group on Autism meet at the Scottish Parliament.



The Cross-Party Group wrote a report called Closing the Accountability Gap.



In Scotland there is not a law that says the Scottish Government needs to have strategies for neurodivergent people or people with learning disabilities.



In England and Wales, the Autism Act 2009 made it a **requirement** for the Government to make services better for autistic adults.



A **requirement** is something that must happen.



The Department of Health and Social Care in England has created 3 adult autism strategies.



In England there is the Down Syndrome Act 2022.



The Down Syndrome Act 2022 is not yet **in force**.

In force means that the Down Syndrome Act is not being used yet.

Local Strategies



Health and Social Care Partnerships in Scotland must produce a strategic plan.



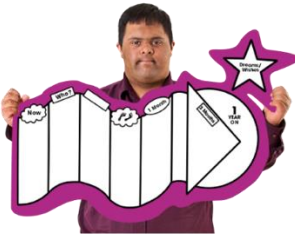
Health and Social Care Partnerships are where the NHS and local authorities work together.



This plan says how the Health and Social Care Partnership will meet the needs of the local population.



This includes neurodivergent people and people with learning disabilities.

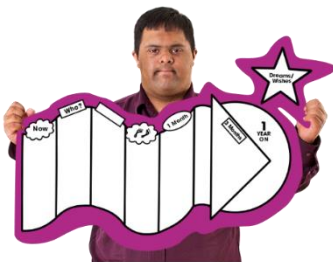


Health and Social Care Partnerships do different things when making local learning disability and autism strategies.

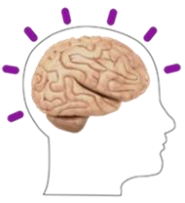


There is more information about local strategies on each Health and Social Care Partnership's website.

What can the Learning Disabilities, Autism and Neurodivergence (LDAN) Bill do?



The Scottish Government are thinking about making strategies that cover both **neurodivergence** and learning disabilities.



Neurodivergence is a word used to describe someone who is **neurodivergent**.



The word **neurodivergent** is given to anyone whose brain works differently from what is considered normal.



The Scottish Government think that some services could be delivered to neurodivergent people and people with learning disabilities in the same way.



It is important that neurodivergent people and people with learning disabilities are treated equally.



Here are some ideas about how the Bill could make these things happen:



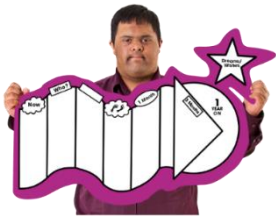
- Make it a requirement for the Scottish Government to make a national strategy on neurodivergence and learning disabilities.



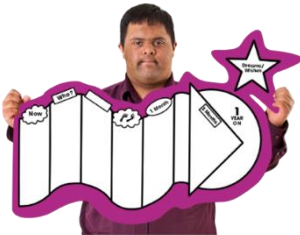
- Make it a requirement for local strategies to be made by Health and Social Care Partnerships, local authorities, and other **public bodies**.



Public bodies are organisations that are publicly funded. Examples are local authorities, schools, police, and the NHS.



- Introduce guidance about what needs to be included in national and local strategies.



- Make sure that strategies are reviewed and updated.
For example, every 5 years.



- Make sure that people with lived experience are involved in making new strategies.



- Look at making **a duty** to review national and local strategies to make sure they are working.

A duty means something that public bodies must do.

What do you think?



Questions

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Which of these proposals do you agree with? Please tell us why.



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Is there anything else that we should consider which is relevant to this topic?