

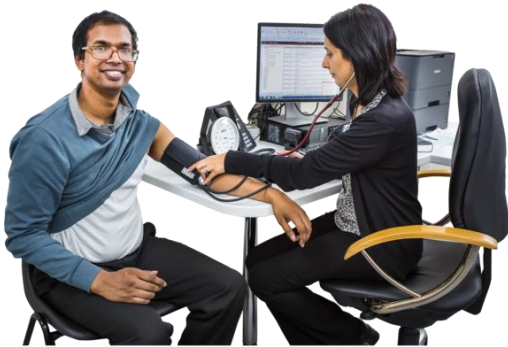
You said, we did – research and innovation



The Advisory Group looked at what research and innovation ('doing new and better things') would be most useful for autistic people and people with a learning disability.

You said:

The areas of research and innovation that were most important for the Advisory Group:



1. Benefits of health checks and how to make them work well.

2. What are the most effective things other than medicines to help people stay well?





3. What good healthcare close to people's homes can be repeated in other areas or on a bigger scale?



4. How do we involve autistic people and people with a learning disability in research?



5. How do we make sure the training that staff get includes useful information about learning disability, autism and equal rights?



6. Autism diagnosis and post-diagnostic support.

Final priorities – research and innovation



Our ideas were combined with the ideas that other people told us.

Following this feedback, the 6 areas that will be looked into more will be:



1. Benefits of health checks and how to make them work well.



2. What are the most effective things other than medicines to help people stay well



3. What good healthcare close to people's homes can be repeated in other areas or on a bigger scale



4. How do we improve the quality of data about the health of people with a learning disability, autism or both?



5. What are the best ways of preventing illnesses that people with a learning disability or autism often get?



6. Measuring improvements to quality of life in a person-centred way – to help test new ways of working.

We did:

- We have shared everything the group said with senior managers to shape research and innovations in the future.
- We are making guidance about involving people with a learning disability and autistic people in research.
- We have shared the detail of what the group said was important with the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR). This is an organisation that pays for research.
- We are looking at research outside of the NHS.





- We are sharing what the group told us with people working in the Mental Health Programme and the new Autism Programme.



- The Advisory Group will be invited to another workshop with researchers and policy makers to shape the research questions more.



- The workshop has been delayed until early in 2021