



Science in the Service of Autism

Statutory Guidance on autism to be published Friday 17th December

The Autism Act 2009 put a duty on the Government to publish statutory guidance for local councils and local health bodies on services for adults with autism.

As the guidance will be statutory, this means that where local authorities and local health bodies are not following it, their actions can be challenged in court. The Act said that the guidance had to be published by the end of this year.

We are expecting the statutory guidance to be launched next Friday.

We are hoping to be able to welcome the guidance as a key step forward, while at the same time we will be looking at ways to put pressure on local authorities and health bodies to implement it properly, so that change happens on the ground.