

SUBMISSION FROM ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL

1. While, as an Education Authority, we have no argument with the detail contained in the Bill - it does appear to be particularly robust and covers all areas of good practice, we do have concerns about the existence of a separate Autism Bill.
2. Given that we already have a code of practice based on existing legislation - Education (Additional Support for Learning) (Scotland) Act 2009 - which ensures that all children and young people are provided with the necessary support to achieve their full potential, it is unclear what added value is provided by having a separate piece of legislation to cover Autism. Indeed, we would go so far as to say that it may be counter-productive to isolate a single condition like this.

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