

## **SUBMISSION FROM SHEILA LOWRIE**

1. Thousands of children with autism need help. They suffer from mental health problems - needlessly. This is not an inevitable symptom of autism and support of children with this condition is vital to enable them to inter-act and participate in society to the highest level possible.
2. Education/social work/health service need to co-ordinate and be much more inter-linked to achieve the best possible standards in all areas of care and support. The short basic strategy written by the Government, which would be legally binding is not adequate - the Autism (Scotland) Bill must be passed.

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