

## SUBMISSION FROM THE LAW SOCIETY OF SCOTLAND

### Introduction

1. The Law Society of Scotland has considered the draft Autism (Scotland) Bill. The Society is generally supportive of the Bill and has the following comments to make.

### Comments

2. In relation to **section 4** *Interpretation*, **section 4(1)** provides for the interpretation of 'appropriate stakeholders'
3. The society, having considered the interpretation of 'appropriate stakeholder' believes that the definitions should be widened to include organisations representing persons or bodies not falling clearly within any of the definitions contained in section 4(1)(a) to (d). It is suggested that that the definition should include—
  - Organisations representing families
  - Organisations representing carers
  - Organisations representing advocates.
4. In relation to the interpretation of 'relevant services' contained within **section 4(1)**, the society is of the view that the list of interpretation of '*relevant services*' should also be widened. This should include reference to the services of—
  - Education
  - Training
  - Employment.

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