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SOMERSET**  
Together we care

# Somerset's Learning Disability and Autism Strategy

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Kindness, Respect, Teamwork  
Everyone, Every day


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 Somerset  
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Care System



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# Our Vision:

A man with a learning disability is shown from the chest up, sitting in a wheelchair. He is wearing a blue denim jacket over a red shirt. He has a joyful expression, smiling broadly and looking upwards and to the right. The background is a bright, slightly blurred outdoor setting with a white railing and a window looking out onto a blue sky and distant buildings.

People with a learning disability, autism or both will have the same opportunity as anyone else to live healthy, satisfying and valued lives.

# Our commitments:



- We will see the person, not the disability.
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- We will champion and promote your voice.
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- We will work alongside you so you can lead the life you want.
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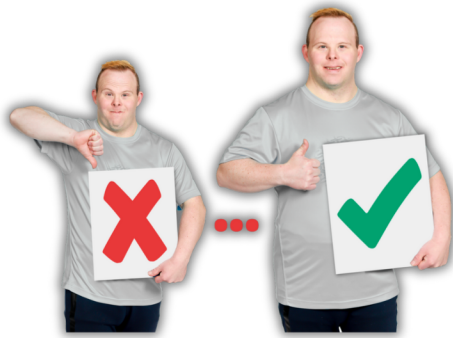
- We help you feel safe and part of your community.



- We will listen to and support the people who matter to you.
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- We will support the organisations who work with you to do the best job they can.
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- We will learn and improve when things go wrong.
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- We will promote inclusivity and improve access to services.
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- We will promote the understanding and acceptance of people with learning disabilities and/or autism within Somerset.

# We aim to support you to:



- Live in and be part of your local community.



- Access education.



- Prepare for adulthood.



- Live a healthy life.



- Have greater choice and control about where you live and who you live with.



- Get and keep a job and/or voluntary role if you want one.



- Prepare for significant changes in your life.



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