



**Asperger's syndrome**  
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## **INFORMATION SHEET**

### **Age Group: Children and young adults**

### **Sheet Title: Government policies for children and young adults with autism**

The "Children and Families Act 2014," established the government's commitment to improve services for vulnerable children and support strong families. It reinforced wider reforms to ensure that all children and young people can succeed no matter what their background. To read the relevant sections for children with special needs and the right to obtain an Educational and Health Care Plan (EHC) children and young adults 0-25years see:

[www.legislation.gov.uk](http://www.legislation.gov.uk) or <https://www.gov.uk>

Your local authority should also be able to help you with a step by step how to obtain an EHC and access individual services.

You can also refer to The Equality Act 2010 which covers everyone in Britain and protects people from discrimination, harassment and victimisation. To read chapters on disability and other protected characteristics such as sexual orientation, age, religion use the links above and search Equality Act 2010.

In 2009 the government introduced the Autism Act to make provision about meeting the needs of adults with autistic spectrum conditions; and for connected purposes. In 2011 it became the first legislation binding all government departments to plan, co-operate and implement an agreed strategy and services for individuals with a disability. You will find the Autism Act on the links above.

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