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Westminster Autism Commission

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### **Survey on autism diagnosis and support**

The Westminster Autism Commission is a group of academics, doctors and advocates who want to make the world a more autism-friendly place. We are currently researching the support available to autistic people and their families before, during and after a diagnosis – and we want to hear from you.

We have chosen this topic for our latest report, as people have told us that accessing support can be difficult, especially before you are diagnosed. We started asking why that is and whether the support on offer is actually the support that autistic people want or need.

We think there are some problems here – but we don't want to make any assumptions about what they look like or how we should solve them. That is where we need you. We have launched this [survey](#) because we want to hear about your experiences and ideas about diagnosis.

Every response to this survey is important, as it will help us work out what elements of this topic are most important to the autistic community. The survey's results will shape our research in terms of what we focus on and what recommendations we make to government.

In the past, we have written reports about access to healthcare and fake interventions. Every time we hold an inquiry, we invite key people from the government and the NHS to come to talk to us. We ask them questions based on what you tell us through our surveys and they get a chance to hear about your experiences and respond to them.

If you have had an autism assessment in the UK (or a family member of yours has), we want to invite you to take our online survey. The survey takes around 30 minutes to complete and has been developed together with members of the autistic community. You can read more and take the survey [here](#).

The survey is being analysed by the [Centre for Applied Autism Research](#) at the University of Bath. We want to thank you for taking part in our work, as your responses to the survey will make our report stronger.