

## HEAR AUTISM

The Hear Autism project has been organised by the Council's Autism Partnership Board in partnership with Healthwatch Croydon. Healthwatch Croydon will be publishing a report on the project which you will be able to read. Thank you, Healthwatch Croydon.

The Council wants to hear the views of the autism community. Yes that's right! The Council really does want to hear the views of the autism community.

Why does the Council want to hear? Because the Council will be writing a local autism strategy later this year to try to make life better for the autism community. And the Council will take into account the views you express.

What does the Council want to hear my views about?

The Council wants to hear your views about anything to do with autism in Croydon that you want to tell them about. You could express a few words about one thing. You could express lots of words about lots of things.

You could express views about making schools better for autistic children. Or about making it better for autistic people to get work, or to get housing. You could express views about whether there is enough for autistic people (young or old) to do in their spare time. You could express views about whether there is enough support for carers.

You could express views about what the Health Service is doing or not doing. Or about what the police and courts are doing or not doing for autistic people. Or about whether local businesses do enough to help autistic customers.

You could express views about something I have not mentioned.

I hope different autism groups will be holding Hear Autism events where you will be able to give your views.

The flagship Hear Autism event will be at the Cherry Hub, 171 St James's Road, Croydon, CR0 2BY. The date will be Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2019 between 10.30 a.m. and 4 p.m. I shall be sending out more details of this event next week.

I shall also be sending out information about where to send your views if you are not able to attend any event.

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