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HAVE YOUR SAY ON HOW
WE CAN IMPROVE THE
ACCESSIBILITY AND
CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING
OF SUPPORT SERVICES
AVAILABLE TO THOSE WITH
A LIFELONG NEURODIVERSE
CONDITION SUCH AS
AUTISM



SIKH NEURODIVERSITY NETWORK



Gurdwara Sri Guru Singh Sabha Southall, Guru Nanak Road, Southall, UB2 4NP is delighted to announce that we will be hosting a Special Educational Needs & Disabilities BAME Communities Support Group Session (tea morning) for parents and carers in the downstairs library on:

## Monday the 27th of March 2023 from 11:30 to 13:00

Come and meet other parents and carers with similar experiences as well as child development experts. This space is for you to find out what is going on in the local area to support your child's needs and to get support from individuals with similar lived experiences.

We can provide advice and guidance on the following topics: drafting and enforcing Education Health and Care Plans (EHCPs); Disability Living Allowance (DLA) applications; blue badge applications; and much, much more...

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In addition to the above the Sikh Human Rights Group (an NGO with Special Consultative Status at the United Nations); the 1928 Institute (a not-for-profit University of Oxford spin-out); and Ms Satnam Kaur FCCA (Expert by Experience, Sikh Helpline, Steering Group member Oxfordshire Family Support Network and Oxfordshire Parent Carer Forum) are undertaking a review into the support available to those with a lifelong neurological characteristic such as an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) diagnosis.

We are committed to supporting neurodiverse people and ensuring they receive support to enable them to live happy, healthy and independent lives within their communities.

The findings of this review will be presented to UK Government officeholders as well as the United Nations Primary Treaty Bodies such as the United Nations Human Rights Council and inform the future delivery of services for neurodiverse people.

At our Special Educational Needs & Disabilities BAME Communities Support Group Session (tea morning) on 27 March 2023, we will start to collect information from children and adults on the waiting list for a neurodiverse assessment (Autism Spectrum Disorder, ADHD, complex health needs, PTSD, etc...), children and adults already diagnosed, families, carers and professionals.

## This review aims to:

- Understand the experience of those who are waiting for a diagnosis.
- Understand how a diagnosis can impact a person's life.
- Understand the experiences of accessing health, social care and education services for neurodiverse people such as those on the autism spectrum and how this can be improved.
- Understand the experiences of accessing short breaks support services for neurodiverse people such as those on the autism spectrum and how this can be improved.
- Improve understanding and awareness of neurodiverse conditions amongst healthcare professionals.
- Make recommendations about the support available to neurodiverse people following diagnosis and make it more accessible.