

Down Syndrome Act



Down Syndrome Act Frequently Asked Questions

Easy read

What is the Down Syndrome Act Call for Evidence?



Earlier this year the **Down Syndrome Act** became **law**.



Now the Government has to write **special guidance**.



The guidance will tell **councils, the NHS, schools** and other groups the best ways to meet your needs.

The Government want to make the guidance as good as possible.



You can **help** the Government. You can **tell them what you think.**

This is called a **Call for Evidence.**

Who is doing the Call for Evidence?



The Department of Health and Social Care is doing this work.

They are **part of the UK government.**

Is there more than one Call for Evidence?



No.

You might be asked what you think by more than one organisation.

But all of these organisations will tell the Department of Health and Social Care what you said.

What questions are in the Call for Evidence?



Some questions ask about **health**.



Some questions ask about **Social Care**, such as **support you get**.



Some questions ask about school and college.



Some questions ask about where you live now.
Some questions ask if you would like to live somewhere different in the future.

Who should answer the Call for Evidence?



The Government hopes that **lots of people** will answer.

For example:

- People who have **Down's syndrome**.
- Their **families and carers**.
- **Professionals** who work with people who have Down's syndrome.
- People who have **other learning disabilities**.



The DSA would like to talk to all these people.

How can I answer the questions?



The Department of Health and Social Care have an Easy Read questionnaire.

It is here:

<https://bit.ly/3S2h9rX>

Do I have to answer all the questions in the Call for Evidence?



No.

You can just answer the questions **where you have something to say.**

Or you can choose to answer all the questions. **It is up to you.**

Do I have to write a lot?



No.

You don't need to write a lot.

Tell the Government about **your experiences.**

Tell the Government **what you think.**

When does the Call for Evidence end?



The Call for Evidence ends on Tuesday **8 November 2022.**

What happens when the Call for Evidence ends?



The Government will **read all your answers.**



They will write **Version 1** of the Down Syndrome Act Statutory Guidance.

The Guidance tells **councils, the NHS, schools** and other groups **the best ways to meet your needs.**

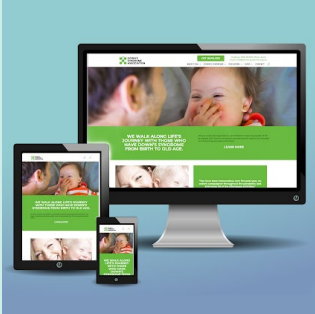


We can tell the Government **what we think about Version 1.**



Then the Government will write a Final Version.
We think this will be ready in Autumn or Winter 2023.

What should I do now?



Keep an eye on our website for more information.
www.downs-syndrome.org.uk



Contact us if you have any questions.

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The Down's Syndrome Association is here to support people who have Down's syndrome and to help them live their lives to the full. We also stand up for their rights, campaign for change and challenge unfairness and discrimination.

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