

## Autism Awareness Survey

### Initial results from the survey conducted in April and May this year.

- 90% of respondents reported that they knew about autism, with 55% knowing an autistic person and 5% being themselves autistic
- 80% reported that the service provided by their organisation was used by people with autism
- 63% initially stated that verbal communication was very important to the delivery of their service but only 7% went on to say that there no non-verbal ways of handling this, and there was a strongly positive response on the possibility of using written or pictorial approaches
- Around 40% of respondents thought their organisation provided a good service experience for those with autism and around 20% thought they did not.

### The respondents:

- We received 566 completed questionnaires, with responses from all parts of the UK (and a few from elsewhere)
- 97% of those who responded were of working age and 85% were in work
- 91% of those who responded were white with only small numbers in other ethnic groups
- 75% of respondents were female
- Respondents were distributed across the public, private and voluntary sectors with good representation from key public services such as health, education and social services
- 65% of respondents want to receive the survey results, 69% want further information and 66% can be contacted again