

Response to Sir Stephen Bubb's Independent Autism Review: 'Building Rights'

The Keeping Bristol Safe Partnership has today (Monday 14 June 2021) received and published a non-statutory review, commissioned by Bristol City Council in consultation with the Partnership, to help Bristol become a more welcoming place for autistic people and people with learning disabilities.

Ivan Powell, Chair of the Keeping Bristol Safe Partnership, said: "The Keeping Bristol Safe Partnership notes and agrees with the recommendations set out in the 'Building Rights' report. The Council in consultation with the Partnership commissioned the review in 2019, with the aim of seeking learning and recommendations to enable Bristol to become a more welcoming place for autistic people and people with learning disabilities.

"We welcome the review's findings and will now work closely with the Council and partners across the city to address the recommendations, take action where needed and ensure Bristol is welcoming for all.

"It is largely thanks to the families who have contributed information to the review that we can further explore what work needs to be done locally to support autistic people and people with learning disabilities. On behalf of the Partnership, I wish to sincerely thank all the families, and organisations, who shared their lived experiences and views. Your input has evidently helped shape the report and its valuable learnings, for which we are truly grateful.

"Thanks also must go to Sir Stephen Bubb for his work on the report and its recommendations. The report highlights the necessity of listening to the voices of people with lived experiences, and their families, to help the Council and Partnership commission better service approaches in the future.

"The report highlights three main recommendations:

1. Establish a 'Charter of Rights'
2. Ensure a Right to Challenge and
3. Establish an Independent Commissioner for people with learning disabilities and autism.

The delivery of work to respond to the recommendations of this report will be through Bristol City Council's Healthier Together Learning Disabilities and Autism Programme. The KBSP will ensure that this work is supported by all of the city partners, so that the necessary system changes are made to improve the support and services offered to autistic people and people with learning disabilities."

The Building Rights report can be found on the [Bristol City Council website](#).

For information on where to find advice and support for autistic people, visit the [Bristol City Council website](#).