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Scottish Autism submission dated 4 February 2021

Scottish Autism are sorry to learn that the commenter here feels ill-served by autism services. We agree that too many people do not receive adequate services and are too often excluded from society, which is why we are campaigning for a commissioner to champion and uphold the rights of autistic people as well as people with a learning disability. We are extremely clear that the work of such a commissioner should include advocating for people autistic who do not have a learning disability, who too often do not receive support from their local authority.

Scottish Autism aims to support autistic people with a wide array of needs. Our outreach services, one-stop-shop, advice line, as well as our post diagnostic support and Affinity services all support autistic people who do not have a learning disability. Our service provision is necessarily limited by what local authorities or government will commission, but we regularly seek funds for new services in response to what the autistic community tell us they need. Where peer-support and advice is most appropriate, we regularly refer people to Autistic People's Organisations. Scottish Autism will continue to campaign for better service provision and social inclusion for autistic people in partnership with others.