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Forgive me, as I am unable to send a word doc.

I spoke to my service users and this was the consensus reply

IFirst thing that raised alarm bells was the language used. However Pam Cameron addressed this in her speech during the debate. Still believe however it should be noted that the language is not fully inclusive of the language preferred by some of the Autistic community and this could be addressed in some way, in the form of an amendment or brackets within the final bill.

-IN section 2 of the Autism Act (Northern

Ireland) 2021 I (autism strategy

(a)in subsection (2), after "consult the

Northern Ireland departments" insert

And such other persons as the

Department considers appropriate." - can this person also be given the powers to publish the information found for the public?

(4D) does not include any mention of safeguarding the Autistic community. Training alone will not combat the known abuse that the Autistic community faces currently.

There is also a worry about the independence of the Autism reviewer. ,

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