**Access to justice for neurodiverse people and people with hidden disabilities**





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| a police officer next to a law documenta judge in a courtroom | **Access to justice** means being treated fairly by the law, and having access to police, courts and organisations that give advice. | |
| a group of people | **Neurodiverse** describes people who have differences in their brain and they experience the world differently.  It includes:   * autistic spectrum disorder * ADHD * dyslexia * Tourette’s syndrome | |
| a group of people | **Hidden disabilities** are ones that you cannot see straight away like:   * mental health * very bad pain or tiredness * a learning disability * a sensory impairment like hearing loss or sight loss | |
| 3 people looking at a data graph on a table | The Legal Services Agency is doing research on how neurodiverse people and people with hidden disabilities get access to justice in Scotland.  **Research** means looking closely at facts, figures and information about something. | |
| a man and woman talkinga judge in a courtroom | We are very interested in hearing from anyone who has needed to get a solicitor or go to court and who sees themselves as:   * neurodiverse * or having a hidden disability | |
| **The survey has 27 questions.**  **Click on the box of the answer you agree with and a tick will appear.**  **If you change your mind you can click on it again to untick it.**  **If you have more to say type your answer in the ‘Type your answer here’ spaces.**  **The space will get bigger as you type.**  **Miss out a question if you do not know the answer.**  **You do not have to answer a question if you do not want to.** | | |
| a man pointing to himself | 1. Do you see yourself as neurodiverse or as having a hidden disability? | |
| Tick YesYes |  |
| Cross NoNo |  |
| 1. If you feel comfortable to tell us, please tell us more about your neurodiversity or your hidden disability.   Type your answer here: | | |
| a man and woman talking | 1. Have you ever needed to get legal advice?   This could be from a lawyer or solicitor or an organisation like a law centre, or Citizens Advice Bureau. | |
|  | Tick YesYes |  |
| Cross NoNo |  |
| a town on a map | 1. What town or city was this in?   Type the name here: | |
| a confused woman shrugging her shoulders with a question mark next to her head | 1. What area of law was it about?   Type it here: | |
| Who? A black question mark surrounded by 6 grey silhouettes of heads. | 1. Did you find someone to give you advice? | |
|  | Tick YesYes |  |
| Cross NoNo |  |
| a frowning woman giving the thumbs down holding a sign with a red cross on it | 7. Was there anything that made it difficult to get legal advice? | |
| a thinking woman with a green tick and red cross in a thought bubble above her head | Tick YesYes |  |
| Cross NoNo |  |
| 1. If you answered ‘yes’ please tell us more about what made it difficult.   Type your answer here: | | |
| a woman giving the thumbs up | 1. Were you happy with the outcome – the way things turned out? | |
| Tick YesYes |  |
| Cross NoNo |  |
| 1. Please tell us more about this.   Type your answer here: | | |
|  | 1. Have you ever needed to take someone to court or to a tribunal? | |
| Tick YesYes |  |
| Cross NoNo |  |
| a town on a map | 1. What town or city was this in?   Type the name here: | |
| a confused woman shrugging her shoulders with a question mark next to her head | 1. What area of law was it about?   Type your answer here: | |
| a man and woman talking | 1. Were you represented by a lawyer? | |
| a thinking woman with a green tick and red cross in a thought bubble above her head | Tick YesYes |  |
| Cross NoNo |  |
| a frowning woman giving the thumbs down and holding a sign with a red cross on it | 1. Was there anything that made it difficult before, during or after you were in court? | |
|  | Tick YesYes |  |
| Cross NoNo |  |
| 1. If you answered ‘yes’ please tell us more about what made it difficult.   Type your answer here: | | |
| a woman giving the thumbs up | 1. Were you happy with the way things turned out? | |
| Tick YesYes |  |
| Cross NoNo |  |
| 1. Please tell us more.   Type your answer here: | | |
| a woman taking the oath in court | 1. Have you ever needed to go to a court or tribunal in a criminal case? | |
| a thinking woman with a green tick and red cross in a thought bubble above her head | Tick YesYes |  |
| Cross NoNo |  |
| a town on a map | 1. What town or city was this in?   Write the name here: | |
| a woman shrugging her shoulders with a question mark beside her head | 1. What area of law was involved? | |
| a man and woman talking | 1. Were you represented by a lawyer? | |
|  | Tick YesYes |  |
| Cross NoNo |  |
| a frowning woman holding a checklist with red crosses on it | 1. Was there anything that made it difficult for you before, during or after being in court? | |
| a thinking woman with a green tick and red cross in a thought bubble above her head | Tick YesYes |  |
| Cross NoNo |  |
| 1. Please tell us more.   Type your answer here: | | |
| Jessica thumbs up | 1. Were you happy with the way things turned out? | |
|  | Tick YesYes |  |
| Cross NoNo |  |
| 1. Please tell us more.   Type your answer here: | | |
| 1. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about what makes it difficult for neurodiverse people and people with hidden disabilities to get legal advice and access to justice in Scotland?   Type your answer here: | | |
| Email on a computer screen the date 12 August on a calendar | Save a copy of this document and email it to: [mail@lsa.org.uk](mailto:mail@lsa.org.uk) . | |
| a man and woman shaking hands and saying 'thank you' | Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.  Your answers will help us understand what makes it difficult for neurodiverse people and people with hidden disabilities to get access to justice | |
| improve - a frowning man giving the thumbs down and holding a sign with a red cross on it, next to a smiling man giving the thumbs up and holding a sign with a green tick on it | We will use the results to help make justice services in Scotland better. | |



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