



## 2022 CHAPTER 13

### **Methodology of the autism strategy**

#### **3. After section 3 of the Autism Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 insert—**

##### **“3A Methodology of the autism strategy**

- (1) The autism strategy must take into account best international practice on autism.
- (2) The autism strategy must take into account that persons with autism, and their families and carers, have individualised needs.
- (3) The autism strategy must take a multidisciplinary and cross-departmental approach.
- (4) The autism strategy must set out how consistency of practice is to be achieved across—
  - (a) HSC trusts, and
  - (b) education services.
- (5) The autism strategy must set out measurable targets against which its effectiveness may be assessed.
- (6) Without limiting the generality of consultations required under section 2(2), those measurable targets must be developed in consultation with bodies with an interest in promoting the rights of persons with autism.”.