

Supplementary evidence from the National Autistic Society 4 March 2024

Module on autism for provider of ITE

- A resource for inclusion in ITE courses called *We were expecting you!* was piloted by Strathclyde University in 2021. You can find more information about the resource and evaluation of the pilot [here](#).
- We are unsure how extensively this resource is now being used, or if the updated GTCS professional standards are being implemented fully.

Examples of good practice re: environment

- We were asked by Willie Rennie MSP if any of the panellists had examples of good practice with regards to ensuring school environments are inclusive. NAS offers an [Autism Inclusion award for schools](#).
- [Rosebank School in Dundee](#) was the first school to gain this accreditation in Scotland.
- The Award requires individual schools to approach us if they are interested in it. We also do some promotion of the Award to encourage schools to go through it. We are not currently working collaboratively and a local government or national government level on this.

Student Support Service

- I mentioned at Committee that we provide support to autistic students at universities across Scotland. You can find more information about the service [here](#).

The support is funded by the Disabled Student Allowance, and we currently support around 180 students