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The treatment of people with autism and their families

Motion for a resolution

tabled by Dame Cheryl GILLAN and other members of the Assembly

This motion has not been discussed in the Assembly and commits only those who have signed it

Research indicates that one in a hundred people are autistic. This means that approximately 5 million people in the European Union, and 75 million people worldwide could have autism.

Regrettably, even in the most developed countries, people with autism continue to face stark inequalities. They are more likely to struggle with or be excluded from education. They are more likely to be known to the police and experience difficulties within the justice system. They are more likely to be unemployed or underemployed in the work environment and have difficulty in accessing public services. Ultimately, they are more likely to die early from a range of physical and mental health problems.

The Parliamentary Assembly should inquire into the attitudes and prejudice about people with autism, and the inequalities they face, and produce a report recommending to member States ways to increase support, provision, and understanding of autistic people and their families.

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