



## **POLICY LANDSCAPE & THE COLLECTIVE'S ROLE**

*(From the Autism Act 2009 → Think Autism → CFA 2014 → Care Act → Autism Strategy 2021–26 → Select Committee Inquiries 2023–25)*

Across every single document, the Government publicly recognises:

### **A. Fragmentation**

- No joined-up plan between Health, Education, Employment, Justice, DHSC, DfE, DWP, ICBs, LAs
- No single accountable body
- Funding siloed → impact diluted

### **B. Slow/Failed Delivery**

- Autism Act lacked enforcement
- Think Autism barely implemented
- Care Act duties inconsistently applied
- SEND reforms buckling in practice
- 2021–26 Strategy progress = slow, uneven, often invisible
- Wait times for diagnosis = record-breaking high
- Autistic inpatient numbers = still unacceptable
- Workplace inclusion = static
- Family support = patchy

### **C. Data & Outcomes Are Broken**

- No cross-system dataset
- No outcome measurement across lifespan
- No way to track whether reforms work
- No centralised accountability

### **D. Short-term Pilots = Long-term Failure**

Committees criticised:

- One-off pilots



- No scaling
- No continuity
- No national learning loop
- No evaluation feed-back into commissioning

### **E. Evidence from Oral Inquiries Is Consistent**

Everyone: clinicians, parents, autistic adults, commissioners, said the same things:  
“We don’t need another strategy, we need implementation.”