

SPEAKING OUT SURVEY

2025

SNAPSHOT:
DISABILITY AND NEURODIVERSITY



SOS asks about key areas of wellbeing



Physical
Health



Mental
Health



Community
Life



Education



Safety



Hopes For
The Future

Young people were asked about long-term health problems,
disability and neurodiversity*

19%

said they had a long-term
health problem

7.9%

said they had a long-term
disability

31.1%

considered themselves
neurodiverse

*These questions were only asked of young
people in Years 7 - 12.



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Give a bit more
attention to those with
disabilities including
ADHD. **Boy 17**
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Commissioner for Children and Young People
Western Australia

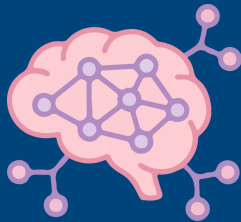
What does long term mean?

The survey asked about health problems and disability lasting 6 months or more.

The most common long-term health problems reported were:



Asthma



Neurodevelopmental disorder



Mental health conditions



Eyesight issues

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I would like it if they had easier and cheaper support for the disabled. **Girl 12**

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I think students should know what neurodivergence is and the strengths not just weakness of it. **Girl 15**

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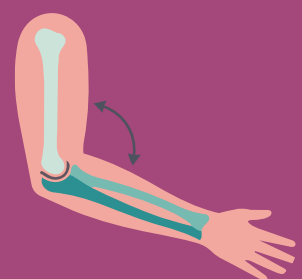
The most common disabilities reported were:



Vision impairment



Long-term hearing conditions



Musculoskeletal issues

