



Autism Self Evaluation

Local authority area

1. How many Clinical Commissioning Groups do you need to work with to implement the Adult Autism Strategy in your local authority area?

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Comment

2. Are you working with other local authorities to implement part or all of the priorities of the strategy?

- Yes
 No

If yes, how are you doing this?

Planning

3. Do you have a named joint commissioner/senior manager of responsible for services for adults with autism?

- Yes
 No

If yes, what are their responsibilities and who do they report to? Please provide their name and contact details.

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4. Is Autism included in the local JSNA?

- Red
 Amber
 Green

Comment

JSNA for 2012 recommends further work to be undertaken to identify the needs of people with autism. The 2013 refresh of the JSNA will develop this further.

5. Have you started to collect data on people with a diagnosis of autism?

- Red
 Amber
 Green

Comment

There is a lot of work needed to analyse the current Continuing Health Care database to identify Autism patients (currently under one category of LD/ASD).

6. Do you collect data on the number of people with a diagnosis of autism meeting eligibility criteria for social care (irrespective of whether they receive any)?

- Yes
 No

If yes, what is

the total number of people?

180

the number who are also identified as having a learning disability?

the number who are identified as also having mental health problems?

Comment

We don't have a formal system for identification for people with autism, however we do know that approximate 180 people with learning disability / mental health / Long term social care teams anecdotally are known to social care who have behaviours which would indicate autism.

7. Does your commissioning plan reflect local data and needs of people with autism?

- Yes
 No

If yes, how is this demonstrated?

Working strategy to be published online by the end of this year. An action plan will be developed to complement the strategy, priorities have been identified within the strategy.

8. What data collection sources do you use?

- Red
 Red/Amber
 Amber
 Amber/Green
 Green

Comment

Through PANSI (<http://www.pansi.org.uk/>) and through reviewing local social care case loads. The data bases held within the Partnerships Commissioning Unit on behalf of the CCGs are the Continuing Health Care Quality Assurance Database and the Mental Health and Vulnerable People Database.

9. Is your local Clinical Commissioning Group or Clinical Commissioning Groups (including the Support Service) engaged in the planning and implementation of the strategy in your local area?

- Red
 Amber
 Green

Comment

Social care lead has been endorsed by the CCG and North Yorkshire and York commissioning support unit (VACU).

10. How have you and your partners engaged people with autism and their carers in planning?

- Red
 Amber
 Green

Please give an example to demonstrate your score.

We have engaged with the local community in planning the working strategy through questionnaires, attending local groups and formal engagement event planned in October 2013.

11. Have reasonable adjustments been made to everyday services to improve access and support for people with autism?

- Red
 Amber
 Green

Please give an example.

Anecdotal evidence from local providers, eg dentists, who have tailored services for individual patients.

12. Do you have a Transition process in place from Children's social services to Adult social services?

- Yes
 No

If yes, please give brief details of whether this is automatic or requires a parental request, the mechanism and any restrictions on who it applies to.

If a person is known to children's social care then a referral is made anytime from 16 onwards. This is done alongside parents and young people. The person needs to fulfil the criteria for adult LD support to have a Transitions Care Manager. A person can also be referred by other services and as Connexions is part of the Transitions team there are often get referrals from them. If a person is under 18 they have to meet the criteria for children's Health and Disability Team, if over 18 they need to meet the criteria for the adult LD. If a person is over 18 and doesn't meet the criteria for the LD team there may be a referral to one of the Locality Teams (long term adult team).

13. Does your planning consider the particular needs of older people with Autism?

- Red
 Amber
 Green

Comment

Wider planning around older people is led by the Older People and Long Term Conditions Partnership on behalf of the Health and Well Being Board. The strategic autism action plan will report into this process.

Training

14. Have you got a multi-agency autism training plan?

- Yes
 No

15. Is autism awareness training being/been made available to all staff working in health and social care?

- Red
 Amber
 Green

Comment: Specify whether Self-Advocates with autism are included in the design of training and/or whether they have a role as trainers. If the latter specify whether face-to-face or on video/other recorded media.

Social Care staff can access training through the Workforce Development Unit and additional courses are put on as/when required. Online e-learning is also available for all including primary care.

16. Is specific training being/been provided to staff that carry out statutory assessments on how to make adjustments in their approach and communication?

- Red
 Amber
 Green

Comments

This takes place within the Learning Disabilities Service.

17. Have Clinical Commissioning Group(s) been involved in the development of workforce planning and are general practitioners and primary care practitioners engaged included in the training agenda?

- Yes
 No

Please comment further on any developments and challenges.

Next steps within the working strategy for York are to target primary care.

18. Have local Criminal Justice services engaged in the training agenda?

- Yes
 No

Please comment further on any developments and challenges.

Next steps within the working strategy for York are to target criminal justice.

[Diagnosis led by the local NHS Commissioner](#)

19. Have you got an established local diagnostic pathway?

- Red
 Amber
 Green

Please provide further comment.

There is no standardised pathway in place in York. Referrals are made to an out of area clinic (mainly Sheffield) and the decision to refer for a diagnosis is made on a case by case basis, mainly by GPs and Consultant Psychiatrists.

20. If you have got an established local diagnostic pathway, when was the pathway put in place?

Month (Numerical, e.g. January 01)

Year (Four figures, e.g. 2013)

Comment

21. How long is the average wait for referral to diagnostic services?

Please report the total number of weeks

Comment

22. How many people have completed the pathway in the last year?

Comment

23. Has the local Clinical Commissioning Group(s)/support services taken the lead in developing the pathway?

- Yes
 No

Comment

The Partnerships Commissioning Unit (PCU) acting on behalf of the CCGs will take the lead on developing the pathway.

24. How would you describe the local diagnostic pathway, ie Integrated with mainstream statutory services with a specialist awareness of autism for diagnosis or a specialist autism specific service?

- a. Integrated with mainstream statutory services with a specialist awareness of autism for diagnosis
 b. Specialist autism specific service

Please comment further

The autism diagnosis of adults is undertaken by a range of services that are external to the mainstream core services. Each funding request is considered on a case by case basis via a MH and Vulnerable Adults Triage Panel (which meets weekly).

25. In your local diagnostic path does a diagnosis of autism automatically trigger an offer of a Community Care Assessment?

- Yes
 No

Please comment, i.e. if not who receives notification from diagnosticians when someone has received a diagnosis?

Currently this would only happen if a Community Care Assessment was recommended by the assessing service.

26. What post-diagnostic support (in a wider personalisation perspective, not just assuming statutory services), is available to people diagnosed?

If further NHS treatment is recommended after diagnosis, it would be referred to the MH&VP panel to approve funding. These requests are considered on a case by case basis.

A range of social care services have been commissioned in York to support individual need post diagnosis, including social groups and home support.

Care and support

27. Of those adults who were assessed as being eligible for adult social care services and are in receipt of a personal care budget, how many people have a diagnosis of Autism both with a co-occurring learning disability and without?

a. Number of adults assessed as being eligible for adult social care services and in receipt of a personal budget

b. Number of those reported in 27a. who have a diagnosis of Autism but not learning disability

c. Number of those reported in 27a. who have both a diagnosis of Autism AND Learning Disability

Comment

28. Do you have a single identifiable contact point where people with autism whether or not in receipt of statutory services can get information signposting autism-friendly entry points for a wide range of local services?

- Yes
 No

If yes, please give details

The LA is developing a specialist autism 'hub' for people with LD/autism and it is planned that information will also be available for all individuals with autism and their families / carers.

29. Do you have a recognised pathway for people with autism but without a learning disability to access a community care assessment and other support?

- Yes
 No

If yes, please give details

30. Do you have a programme in place to ensure that all advocates working with people with autism have training in their specific requirements?

- Red
 Amber
 Green

Comment

We have a generic advocacy service in York but we will be working with the provider to ensure that this is in place.

31. Do adults with autism who could not otherwise meaningfully participate in needs assessments, care and support planning, appeals, reviews, or safeguarding processes have access to an advocate?

- Red
 Amber
 Green

Comment

As above.

32. Can people with autism access support if they are non Fair Access Criteria eligible or not eligible for statutory services?

- Yes
 No

Provide an example of the type of support that is available in your area.

This service is provided by York Mind and Older Peoples Advocacy Service.

33. How would you assess the level of information about local support in your area being accessible to people with autism?

- Red
 Amber
 Green

Comment

Part of the Autism Strategy will be reviewing access to information in our area.

Housing & Accommodation

34. Does your local housing strategy specifically identify Autism?

- Red
 Amber
 Green

Comment

The Supported Housing Strategy 2012 for York identifies autism within it's scope.

Employment

35. How have you promoted in your area the employment of people on the Autistic Spectrum?

- Red
 Amber
 Green

Comment

Yes if you have a learning disability. A range of local learning providers support people with autism to access employment opportunities. DWP also have a specialist provider.

36. Do transition processes to adult services have an employment focus?

- Red
 Amber
 Green

Comment

For learning disabilities this forms part of their transitions plan.

Criminal Justice System (CJS)

37. Are the CJS engaging with you as a key partner in your planning for adults with autism?

- Red
 Amber
 Green

Comment

As part of the action plan we are addressing this.

Optional Self-advocate stories

Self-advocate stories.

Up to 5 stories may be added. These need to be less than 2000 characters. In the first box, indicate the Question Number(s) of the points they illustrate (may be more than one). In the comment box provide the story.

Self-advocate story one

Question number

Comment

Self-advocate story two

Question number

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Self-advocate story three

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Self-advocate story four

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Self-advocate story five

Question number

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This marks the end of principal data collection.

Can you confirm that the two requirements for the process to be complete have been met?

a. Have you inspected the pdf output to ensure that the answers recorded on the system match what you intended to enter?

Yes

b. Has the response for your Local Authority area been agreed by the Autism Partnership Board or equivalent group, and the ratings validated by people who have autism, as requested in the [ministerial letter](#) of 5th August 2013?

Yes

The data set used for report-writing purposes will be taken from the system on 30th September 2013.

The data fill will remain open after that for two reasons:

1. to allow entry of the dates on which Health and Well Being Boards discuss the submission and
2. to allow modifications arising from this discussion to be made to RAG rated or yes/no questions.

Please note modifications to comment text or additional stories entered after this point will not be used in the final report.

What was the date of the meeting of the Health and Well Being Board that this was discussed?

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Month

Year