

Report of the Adult & Community Services Director to the meeting of Health and Wellbeing Board to be held on 26th November 2013.

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Subject: Autism Self Evaluation Assessment

Summary statement:

The report accompanies the Autism Self Evaluation Assessment which will be presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board for sign off.

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Overview & Scrutiny Area: Health and Social Care



1. SUMMARY

The report accompanies the Autism Self Evaluation Assessment which will be presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board for sign off. The purpose of the Self Evaluation is to enable Local Authorities to measure progress against the five key priorities of the 2010 adult autism strategy 'Fulfilling and Rewarding Lives'.

2. BACKGROUND

Autism Act 2009: was enacted to make provision for meeting the needs of adult with an Autistic Spectrum Condition. Provision included the publication of a national autism strategy and the development and publication of guidance to support strategy implementation.

'Fulfilling and Rewarding Lives' (2010) the national adult autism strategy set out a framework for all mainstream services across the public sector to work together for adults with autism.

The Strategy identified five key priorities to support implementation:

- 1) Increasing awareness and understanding of autism;
- 2) Developing a clear, consistent pathway for diagnosis of autism;
- 3) Improving access to the services and support for people to live independently within the community.
- 4) Helping adults with autism into work; and
- 5) Enabling local partners to develop relevant services to meet identified needs and priorities

'Fulfilling and Rewarding Lives in the Bradford District (2010) the local adult autism strategy that sets out how the Council and key partners (inc Health) will deliver against the five key priorities identified in the national autism strategy 'Fulfilling and Rewarding Lives'.

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Not applicable

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

Not applicable

5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

Not applicable

6. LEGAL APPRAISAL

Not applicable.



7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

Autistic Spectrum Conditions are listed as a disability so should be included when considering Equality and Diversity within service planning and delivery.

7.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable

7.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

Not applicable

7.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable

7.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

Not applicable

7.6 TRADE UNION

Not applicable

7.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

None.

9. OPTIONS

Not applicable

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

Members are asked to note that the Self Evaluation Assessment has been agreed and 'signed off' by the Autism Partnership Board.

Members are asked to review and consider the content and RAG ratings of the Self Evaluation Assessment and agree them as a true and accurate record of local progress against the priorities identified within the national autism strategy.



11. APPENDICES

Autism Self Evaluation Assessment document: Bradford MDC (and key partners) submission identifying progress against the priorities identified within the national autism strategy

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Autism Act 2009: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2009/15/contents>
'Fulfilling and Rewarding Lives (2010)' the national adult autism strategy:
http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20130107105354/http://www.dh.gov.uk/prod_consum_dh/groups/dh_digitalassets/@dh/@en/@ps/documents/digitalasset/dh_113405.pdf
'Fulfilling and Rewarding Lives in the Bradford District'





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?

3

Comment

N/A

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?

Bradford does not work directly with other local authorities to implement the Autism Strategy. However, there are partnership links with other local authorities; sharing information and learning.

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.

*Responsibility for Autism is undertaken by a Commissioning Manager with the Council's Adult & Community Services Dept:
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4. Is Autism included in the local JSNA?

- Red
 Amber
 Green

Comment

Yes, there is a specific section for adults with Autism within the JSNA.

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

- Red
 Amber
 Green

Comment

There is currently good information available about the number of young people with autism in Bradford and the number of young people approaching transition. This is identified through the JSNA. However, information around the prevalence of adults with autism is not available and the PANSI database has been used to make estimates.

The HSCIC post - Zero Based Review EQ-CL Framework requires councils to start collecting data on individuals with autism as a mandatory requirement from 2014-15. The Council is currently preparing and planning for this as part of a wider health and social care integration programme, with the aim of collecting data from 2014-15.

New Information Governance arrangements mean that CCGs cannot handle and store patient identifiable information which makes the collection of data of this nature to inform planning difficult.

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?

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

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

Comment

As stated above and in line with the current Adult Social Care statutory data requirements the Council does not currently record autism as a client category and so cannot at present identify those individuals with a diagnosis of autism who have met the Council's eligibility criteria. The Council is planning to report on this from 2014-15.

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

- Yes
 No

If yes, how is this demonstrated?

The local Autism Strategy 2011 includes data and national research on the needs of adults with autism.

As stated above, there is currently good information about the number of young people with autism in Bradford and the number of young people approaching transition. This is identified through the JSNA and is important when planning future service capacity and delivery.

Where information around the prevalence of adults with autism is not available, the PANSI database has been used to make estimates based on local census data.

8. What data collection sources do you use?

- Red
 Red/Amber
 Amber
 Amber/Green
 Green

Comment

*PANSI
 Local Census Data
 National data and research
 Local data from education and children's services
 JSNA
 Bradford District Disabled Children and Young People Needs Analysis*

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

There are links to the CCGs but they require review to ensure that adequate representation can be facilitated.

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.

People with Autism and their Carers are represented on the local Autism Partnership Board. The local Autism Working Group (comprising of people with autism, carers, and VCS reps) were fully involved in the development of the local Autism Commissioning Strategy. The Autism Working Group reports to the Autism Partnership Board and, has a representative that attends the Autism Partnership Board to report to and from on progress and activity. Adults with autism and their carers were involved in evaluating a recent tender for Housing Related Support for Adults with Mental Health and/or Autism.

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.

Adjustments are made to LD specific services. However some of these adjustments can be limited due to the nature of buildings and flexible space within these buildings. Support providers are required to be flexible in how support hours are delivered in order to support people with autism appropriately. The assessment process has input from all professionals to ensure that people with a diagnosis of autism are supported appropriately within their environment and support staff have the skills to meet the individual's needs. There has been more progress in making reasonable adjustments for people with a LD in everyday services rather than the emphasis being on autism.

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.

There is a Multi Agency Protocol and Pathway in place for Children with Disabilities transitioning to Adulthood detailing the responsibilities of each key partner including Education, Children's Social Care, Adult Social Care, Health and the Transition Team.

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

- Red
 Amber
 Green

Comment

There is no specific data collected on the needs of older people with autism. However, the Autism Awareness training and Working with Autism training package commissioned by the Council is available for organisations and professionals working with older people who have autism.

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.

Adults with autism and their carers have been involved in the design of Autism Awareness Training. 'Training the Trainer' training was delivered to adults with autism and carers to enable them to have a role as face-face trainers. Adults with autism and carers were also involved in the development, and filming of video clips within the training package; talking about their experiences. Training has been commissioned by both the Council and BDCT Learning Disability services. There has been engagement between both the Council and BDCT in the planning of training and organisations have access to both training opportunities. Information is collected from all delegates attending the training and evaluations forms are completed.

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

The Autism Awareness Training and Working with Autism Training includes how to make reasonable adjustments when working with people with autism. Statutory assessments are not specifically covered and specialist training to address this has not been commissioned. However, those conducting and reviewing assessments have access to the current training and some have attended.

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.

*Learning disabilities Health Practitioners are engaged with the training agenda and there has been work to ensure that the BDCT and Council training package compliment each other.
 Workforce planning for primary care staff such as GPs would sit with NHS England rather than the CCGs.*

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

- Yes
 No

Please comment further on any developments and challenges.

All Neighbourhood Policing Teams, Custody, and Emergency Response Officers across the Bradford District have attended the Autism Awareness Training.

Diagnosis led by the local NHS Commissioner

19. Have you got an established local diagnostic pathway?

- Red
 Amber
 Green

Please provide further comment.

CCG's have an established local diagnostic pathway. This has been reviewed and has led to the CCGs commencing further work to develop the local pathway with key stakeholders including Public Health, CCGs, the Council, and Bradford District Care Trust.

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

Month (Numerical, e.g. January 01)

1

Year (Four figures, e.g. 2013)

2011

Comment

An arrangement has been established with a local Specialist Autism Specific Service within the Independent Sector. A service evaluation has been undertaken which was based on NICE Standards.

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

Please report the total number of weeks

Comment

Data not collected

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

Comment

No further information

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

- Yes
 No

Comment

CCGs are leading work to redevelop the diagnostic 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

Specialist Autism Specific Service based within the Independent Sector

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?

Notification of assessment findings go to the GP (and referring agent where not a GP)

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

At present post diagnostic support is limited. Some post-diagnostic support is available via the specialist Autism Specific Service. People are also referred to statutory mental health services for specific 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

As stated above and in line with the current Adult Social Care statutory data requirements, the Council does not currently record autism as a client category and so cannot identify those individuals with a diagnosis of autism who are in receipt of a personal care budget. The Council is planning to report this from 2014-15.

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

Yes, the single access point provides a single identifiable access point for information and signposting. This is a generic access point and therefore does not have a specialist mechanism for people with autism. The current access point is better able to meet the information needs of people already accessing adult social care services and supports. In the case of people who are not in receipt of statutory services, this system has not always worked so well. Representatives from the Autism Working Group have been in contact with the Service Manager for the Single Access Point, following a 'mystery shopper' exercise conducted by one of the members. The Service Manager has offered to work with the Autism Working Group to address the issues raised.

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

A pathway has been developed for people with autism who were not accessing services from Mental Health or Learning Disabilities. However further work needs to take place to review and formalise this process.

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

Advocates working with people with autism are able to access the Autism Awareness Training.

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

There are two advocacy organisations in Bradford who are able to support adults with autism. These organisations are focused towards the learning disability and mental health client group but will support adults with autism. People with a LD and autism also have access to self advocacy organisations.

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.

People who are not FACs eligible will be signposted to other services but these may not be autism specific and may not make reasonable adjustments. There is one autism specific service within the District that offers support to adults with autism. Strategic Commissioners are having discussions with an LD provider to develop an autism specific service that provides support to adults. There are support groups available for children and adults with autism that people will be sign posted to.

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

The DIVA website which provides information about local support delivered within the community and voluntary sector and www.mentalhealthinbradford.nhs.uk, a website promoting mental wellbeing both detail information and services available for people with autism and their families. In addition to this the NAS has a comprehensive list of services and support available across the District. Individual services also provide accessible information for people with autism and their carers. However there is no local publication specifically around autism that is easily accessible.

Housing & Accommodation

34. Does your local housing strategy specifically identify Autism?

- Red
 Amber
 Green

Comment

Autism (specifically) is not referred to in any of the local housing strategies. However, there is a representative from the Autism Partnership on the Strategic Disability Partnership Housing Sub-Group and a review of housing related support for adults with autism was conducted. This resulted in the procurement of Floating Support services for adults with mental health/and or autism and, of an Accommodation Based Support service specifically for adults with autism. The Provider is engaging with adults with autism and carers on the design and delivery of the building and support.

Employment

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

- Red
 Amber
 Green

Comment

There are separate employment strategies in place for people with a learning disability and for those experiencing mental ill health and these are led by the Council and BDCT but the focus is very much on partnership working. Adults with autism are able to access support through the services identified through these strategies

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

- Red
 Amber
 Green

Comment

Transition plans include reference to further education and employment activities.

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

Yes, West Yorkshire Police have a representative on the Autism Partnership Board.

Probation Services are a partner in planning for adults with autism.

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

Comment

Self-advocate story three

Question number

Comment

Self-advocate story four

Question number

Comment

Self-advocate story five

Question number

Comment

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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Day

Month

Year