



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?

1

Comment

NHS Bath and North East Somerset CCG

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?

Sharing information and good practice at South West regional network
Participation in regional autism stocktake, completed in Summer 2013

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.

Mike MacCallam, Senior Commissioning Manager. email mike_maccallam@bathnes.gov.uk
Joint commissioner Health and Social care. Responsible for commissioning services for adults with autism, adults with learning disabilities, adults with physical and sensory impairments
Andrea Morland, Senior Commissioning Manager. email Andrea.morland@nhs.net
Joint commissioner health and social care. Responsible for commissioning services for adults with mental health needs substance misuse
Both report to Deputy Director Adult Care, Health & Housing Strategy & Commissioning

4. Is Autism included in the local JSNA?

- Red
 Amber
 Green

Comment

There is information regarding prevalence of Autism in Bath and North East Somerset in the local JSNA

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

- Red
 Amber
 Green

Comment

Data is recorded , no current data sharig policy between health and social care

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?

102

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

49

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

9

Comment

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

- Yes
 No

If yes, how is this demonstrated?

Yes - B&NES has a local plan based in the Autism strategy and agreed priorities following local consultation

8. What data collection sources do you use?

- Red
 Red/Amber
 Amber
 Amber/Green
 Green

Comment

Have started to collect data from a range of sources - not comprehensive but accurately reflects local situation

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 is a formal partnership between the CCG and local authority. CCG representatives on Autism Partnership group and CCG is briefed on the implementation of the Autism Strategy

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.

Consultation on local strategy was conducted by local branch of NAS on behalf of the Autism Partnership group and carers of people with autism were widely consulted. Two parent/carers are members of the APG. This could be further developed.

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.

The Council has an Equality policy covering the Council and partners, not autism specific

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.

*Automatic following local Transition Pathway - currently applied primarily to young people with a Statement of Educational Need in line with statutory requirements.
 Local panel to oversee transition from childrens to adult services for anyone receiving social care*

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

- Red
 Amber
 Green

Comment

There is data collection of people over 65, no specific training to date

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.

No current autism training plan however this has just been commissioned to commence in autumn 2013.

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 will be covered in the commissioned training referred to above

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.

As above there has been little work to date regarding training

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

- Yes
 No

Please comment further on any developments and challenges.

As above there is has been little work to date regarding training

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 a local diagnosis pathway which has just been recommissioned with a strengthened referral route and will be local to Bath and North East Somerset

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

Month (Numerical, e.g. January 01)

4

Year (Four figures, e.g. 2013)

2011

Comment

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

Please report the total number of weeks

Comment

The recommissioned service, specific to Bath and North East Somerset, will reduce average wait times

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

pathway development and access from Bath and North East Somerset was led by mental health commissioner of the PCT, now CCG

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

A specialist autism specific service commissioned from the local mental health trust

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?

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

Case management from autism specific social workers, offer of personalised budgets, information and advice service recently commissioned and to be available by year end

[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

1087

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

25

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

42

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

This has recently been commissioned and will be in place by year end

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

Can be accessed via Adult social care.

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

Currently scoping potential demand and need for commissioning advocacy service for adults with autism

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

Access to an appropriate advocacy service for adults with autism is under consideration - demand is being mapped during 2013/14

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 will be addressed through the information and advice service referred to above

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

some low level preventative services in place. Database of universal and autism specific service has known gaps

Housing & Accommodation

34. Does your local housing strategy specifically identify Autism?

- Red
 Amber
 Green

Comment

There is a universal housing strategy with needs of people with disabilities, autism not specifically referenced.

Employment

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

- Red
 Amber
 Green

Comment

*Local Employment Inclusion service commissioned to promote employment for adults with Autism
 Project search offers work placements for adults with autism*

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

- Red
 Amber
 Green

Comment

Transition plans include specific reference to employment/activity opportunities

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

There is currently no representation from CJS on autism partnership group, however representatives of the CJS are members of the Mental Health and Learning Disabilities criminal justice/offender forum where they strongly present the needs of their clients on the Autism Spectrum

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

Question number

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Self-advocate story four

Question number

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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.

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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.

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Month

Year