

WAKEFIELD LEARNING DISABILITY PARTNERSHIP BOARD DELIVERY PLAN

PRIORITY: 4 PEOPLE WITH AUTISTIC SPECTRUM CONDITIONS

FULFILLING AND REWARDING LIVES

The strategy for adults with autism in England (2010)

The Government's vision is that all adults with autism are able to lead fulfilling and rewarding lives within a society that accepts and understands them. They can get a diagnosis and access support if they need it, and they can depend on mainstream public services to treat them fairly as individuals, helping them make the most of their talents.

Underpinned by equality and Human Rights

Within difficult economic climate, moral imperative to address the unmet needs of so many members of our society

Statutory guidance in December

- Developing a clear and consistent pathway for diagnosis**
- The right to receive a Community Care assessment (diagnosis of autism recognised as a reason for assessment)**
- Same opportunities for education and further education**
- Support to get a job and stay in work**
- Choosing where to live**
- Relationships and social networks**
- Health needs met**
- Safe from hate crime and discrimination**
- Living in a society where people understand, respect and accommodate difference**
- Receiving support to live independently**

OVERALL OBJECTIVE: To improve services for people with autistic spectrum conditions and their families in Wakefield.
To support adults with autism in Wakefield to live fulfilling and rewarding lives

	ACTION	PERFORMANCE INDICATOR LA/PCT, national and local	PERSON'S RESPONSIBLE	TARGET DATE	INFORMATION TO BE GATHERED FOR PERFORMANCE MONITORING	DATE ACHIEVED
1	Ensure we are aware of services and networks locally that people with ASC can currently access.	SAS/New Autism Strategy	Delivery Group	1 st December 2009	Map of services and ultimately information provided/take up of services	
2	To identify if people with ASC are accessing the ADHD service and outcomes from this to-date.	SAS/New Autism Strategy	Jayne Gilmour/Stuart Davis	1 st December 209	Information presented to the group and data collected by SWYFPT	
2	To undertake a local needs assessment, through engagement with people with ASC and their families. This should identify numbers of people in Wakefield and their needs. (Need to cross reference with complex needs assessment)	SAS/New Strategy/PCT commissioning	Rebecca Squirrell/Gillian Quinn	1 st April 2010	Information about numbers of people, including young people coming through, age groups and level of need. Perceptions of gaps in service and what we need to develop for the future. Results of needs assessment to be presented to the PB and other relevant networks	
3	To ensure that adult services are aware of services being developed/approaches being		Caroline Slater/Rebecca Squirrell	TBA	Information shared between services.	

	used for children and young people with ASC					
4	Establishment of a self-advocacy group for people with ASC-to inform future planning.	SAS	Jayne Gilmour/Rebecca Squirrell	TBA	Numbers of people attending and outcomes in respect of health and wellbeing.	
5	Commission an employment pathway for people with ASC and review its effectiveness (see employment sub-group) Travel training DWP initiatives	PSA 16/NI 146	Jayne Gilmour/Rebecca Squirrell	Achieved	Numbers of people referred and in paid work/case studies in respect of health and wellbeing	
6	Consider commissioning a low level befriending/support service for people with ASC (dependent on outcome of needs assessment) Broader action around social networks	Early intervention and prevention/PPF	Delivery Group	Before April 2010	To be identified if this is agreed as a priority/need.	
7	Consideration of a specialist care manager for access to services and signposting- funding is available		Delivery Group	November 2009	People accessing services/self reports of better access	
8	Ensure effective transition planning for children known to services. (Caroline to brief the group)	SAS/New Autism Strategy	Caroline Slater/Jim Leyland		To be agreed	
9	Review commissioning arrangements and skills of Providers in meeting the	SAS	Jayne Gilmour/Jim Leyland/Mark	April 2010	Providers with specialist skills and service user satisfaction. Numbers	

	needs of people with ASC's (Should we adopt some minimum standards before Providers are used/some kind of validation process], eg Autism aware organisation		Wakefield			
10	Ensure the group keeps up to-date with progress with other delivery groups as it relates to people with ASC's, eg, getting a life health and safeguarding as it relates to the prison population. (training for criminal justice staff)		Jayne Gilmour/chairs of other groups	Quarterly basis	Progress reports from PB	
11	Liaison with the health group in respect of ensuring better access to health care, including psychological therapies for people with ASC's. Health delivery group needs amending-reasonable adjustments in NHS	PCT blueprint			Included in health delivery group	
12	Ensure any commissioned/other services are widely publicised and accessible- check how widely employment service	SAS	Delivery Group	TBA	Publicity material and people accessing services. Self reports of improvements	

	has been publicised					
13	Consider whether a managed network is appropriate to drive strategic direction for people with ASC and their families.		Delivery Group			
14	Develop a clear pathway for people with ASC's from diagnosis to social care assessment and support/consideration of a VIRTUAL TEAM					
15	Consider the housing and support needs of people with autism (housing delivery group)-needs assessment?					
16	Raise public awareness of autism in Wakefield					
17	Improve training and autism awareness amongst front line public sector staff (should be included in general equality and diversity training across all public services) and include nurses, GP's etc					
18	Ensure the needs of people with autism are addressed through Hate Crime and Safeguarding initiatives					

19	Personalisation and needs of people with autism (at a glance briefing on personalisation)					
20	Carers and link to carers delivery group					
21	Transition-consider the extent to which the steering group is addressing the needs of people with autism					
22	Consider the special needs of people with autistic spectrum, for example sensory equipment					

Membership of Delivery Group:

Jayne Gilmour – Service Manager Strategy and Business Development Adults
Margaret Short – Family carer
Rebecca Squirrell – Learning Disability Partnership Manager
Gillian Quinn – Your Voice Wakefield Autism Advocate
Caroline Slater – Children’s Services
Jim Leyland – Service Manager Assessment and Care Management
Stephanie Gibson - Public Health Commissioning Manager Primary Care Trust
Ann Rutter – Service Manager South West Yorkshire Foundation Partnership Trust
Ann Macreavey – South West Yorkshire Foundation Partnership Trust
Brenda Maw – Hidden Impairments Forum
Karen Bulmer - Robinia
Rachel Margarve – Mental Health Matters

Karen McGuire – Person with Autism