

	Health and Well Being Board Meeting 16 January 2020
Title	Deep dive – autism spectrum condition across the life course
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Summary	
<p>This report introduces the work currently underway to improve services, across the life course, for people with autism and their families in Barnet and the development of an Autism Strategy initiated and led through the Children and Young People's partnership</p> <p>Further information, as part of a deep dive workshop, will be presented to the Board which will cover a needs assessment, current provision, gaps including feedback from residents and proposed solutions and opportunities.</p>	

Recommendations
1. That the Health and Wellbeing Board notes the progress being made on the development of the autism needs assessments and strategies across the life course.

2. That the Health and Wellbeing Board notes the proposed solutions to improve services and quality of life for children, young people and adults with autism as well as their families and carers.

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

1.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board have recognised that the number of people (young and adults) being diagnosed with autism is increasing and that people are living longer with increasingly complex health conditions. Therefore, the Board requested a deep dive to look at autism, across the life course, to review the partnership plans to support people with autism in the borough in the future. It is widely recognised that people with autism have a range of different needs beyond health and care and therefore partnership approach to developing an integrated pathway is welcome.

1.2 The report, and workshop session at the Health and Wellbeing Board, will provide the Board with the opportunity to review the following information:

- Why look at Autism now?
- What are we aiming to do?
- What services do we have in place to support outcomes?
- Gaps in services including case studies and feedback from residents
- The potential solutions to the gaps in service
- Future opportunities to develop services

1.3 This report and the workshop session have brought together the work being undertaken across children and adult services to give a life course approach.

1.4 Outputs from the workshop will help to inform the Autism Strategy

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 To continue to support the work in this area as well as provide any relevant input.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

3.1 N/A

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

4.1 Comments from the Board will be incorporated into the strategies being developed and inform the development of services

4.2 The final CYP Autism Strategy and action plan will be presented to Children's Partnership Board for sign off in May 2019, following consultation.

4.3 The final Adults Autism Action Plan will be presented to Health and Wellbeing Board in May 2019.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

5.1.1 Autism and/or the Learning Disability / Autism programme (formerly Transforming Care) are a priority within the following strategies:

- Children and Young People's Plan (2019 – 2023)
- CYP Mental Health Transformation Plan (2019 refresh)
- NHS Long Term Plan

5.1.2 The approach taken supports the corporate and committee aims to:

- Integrate health and social care to provide services for people with complex needs
- Improve services for children and young people and ensuring the needs of children are considered in everything we do.

5.2 Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)

5.2.1 There is no financial decision associated with the recommendations outlined in this report. As solutions are further developed, resources will be considered and approval will be sought through appropriate governance including Children and Young People's Partnership Board and Health and Wellbeing Board.

5.3 Social Value

5.3.1 The Public Services (Social Value) Act 2013 requires people who commission public services to think about how they can also secure wider social, economic and environmental benefits. Before commencing a procurement process, commissioners will think about whether the services they are going to buy, or the way they are going to buy them, could secure these benefits for their area or stakeholders.

5.4 Legal and Constitutional References

5.4.1 In accordance with the Council Constitution, Article 7 Committees, Forums, Working Groups and Partnerships of the Council's Constitution sets out the terms of reference of the Health and Wellbeing Board which includes:

- To jointly assess the health and social care needs of the population with NHS commissioners, and apply the findings of a Barnet Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) to all relevant strategies and policies.
- To promote partnership and, as appropriate, integration, across all

necessary areas, including the use of joined-up commissioning plans across the NHS, social care and public health. To explore partnership work across North Central London where appropriate.

- To work together to ensure the best fit between available resources to meet the health and social care needs of the population of Barnet (including children), by both improving services for health and social care and helping people to move as close as possible to a state of complete physical, mental and social wellbeing.
- Specific responsibilities for overseeing public health and developing further health and social care integration

5.4.2 Primary legislation gives legal duty to the Barnet CCG and London Borough of Barnet to provide for those with autism for their health and care needs.

5.5 Risk Management

5.5.1 Risk assessments will be undertaken as services and solutions are developed. Working across the life course, reviewing needs assessments and receiving feedback from families reduces the risk of developing inappropriate services and unidentified needs.

5.6 Equalities and Diversity

5.6.1 Protected characteristics will be reviewed as part of the needs assessments and any changes to provision will be subject to an Equalities Impact Assessment.

5.7 Corporate Parenting

5.7.1 No direct impact but the needs of children in care with ASD are being considered in the strategy development process.

5.8 Consultation and Engagement

5.8.1 The information to be presented at Health and Wellbeing Board has been informed by a considerable programme of engagement work, including:

- 0-25 Development Day involving professionals from social care, education, health, voluntary sector and parent carers
- Parent-carer and young people surveys, which have received over 50 responses to date
- Four focus groups with young people in Barnet a range of different Barnet schools
- Prioritisation exercise with over 50 parents at the Social Care Conference
- Continued work with the Adults Autism Working Group, which involves parent-carer representatives
- Parent involvement in Autism Diagnostic Pathway review group.

5.8.2 Consultation and engagement work will continue on the draft strategy and action plan documents throughout Spring 2020 until the final documents are signed off.

5.9 Insight

5.9.1 The needs analysis is being completed by Public Health and has been built on local data including social care, education, health and third sector data

(commissioned services), and recent national research by bodies such as the National Autistic Society, and the Tizard Centre at the University of Kent.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

6.1 None