

**Agenda item 4**

**DERBYSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD**

**31 JANUARY 2019**

**Report of the Strategic Director for Adult Social Care and Health**

**THE DERBYSHIRE AUTISM SELF-ASSESSMENT FRAMEWORK 2018**

**1. Purpose of the report**

The purpose of the report is to highlight and request retrospective sign off on the completed Derbyshire Autism Self-Assessment (SAF) 2018 that was submitted to the Department of Health and Social Care on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

**Information and analysis**

Directors of Adult Social Services were notified of the fifth Autism Self-Assessment on 19 September 2018 for completion and submission to the Department of Health and Social Care by 10 December 2018.

The Autism SAF has been completed by commissioners in Adult Care with input from Hardwick Clinical Commissioning Group and was validated by the Autism Partnership Board on 6th November 2018 and the Senior Management Team on the 20th November 2018.

The 2018 SAF is comprised of 129 questions across 7 sections: planning, training, diagnosis, care and support, accommodation, employment and the criminal justice system, with additional sections to highlight local good practice.

There are 33 questions which are red, amber and green (RAG) rated indicating green in areas where the requirements are being met, amber where the requirements are progressing and red where the requirements are not met and highlight the future priorities for Derbyshire. A summary of the findings and improvements required from the SAF is provided in Appendix 1 along with a comparison table from previous years self-assessments in Appendix 2. There were 3 new RAG rated questions for 2018 where comparisons cannot be made and of these all 3 are rated Amber.

Appendix 1 indicates some good progress but also highlights areas that need to be developed; 13 ratings are green, 16 are amber, 1 rating is amber/green.

The 16 Amber rated questions can be divided into areas where there has been some general progress but are still not rated as green (13 questions) and areas that have seen progress slow or even stall since 2016 (3 questions). All these amber categories will be converted into appropriate actions and included in the Derbyshire SAF Action Plan over the next 12 months.

There are 3 questions rated as red (Q54, Q77 and Q79) with respect to the uptake of staff autism training when carrying out statutory assessments and to the availability of health post diagnostic support for people with autism without a learning disability. Alongside our Health partners, these 3 will become targeted areas for promotion and service development within the Derbyshire SAF Action Plan.

Data collection continues to be challenging across a range of sources. Both the quality and quantity of data collected affects the ability to accurately assess progress in certain areas explored within the self-assessment.

## **2. Links to the Health and Wellbeing Strategy**

The objective of the Autism SAF is to assist Local Authorities and their partners in assessing progress on the implementation of the Autism Act 2009 and the National Strategy Guidance 'Think Autism' which was published in 2014. This includes a set of mandatory recommendations regarding what actions Clinical Commissioning Group's and Local Authorities should take to develop services for people with Autistic Spectrum Disorder.

The Health and Wellbeing Board is required by the Department of Health and Social Care to endorse the findings of the Derbyshire Autism SAF 2018. The National Autism Strategy, along with the guidance, is due to be revised in 2019.

The Autism SAF is a means for local areas to assess their progress against statutory requirements and to highlight areas for further work in relation to equalities to ensure people with Autism can access services.

A subsequent Autism SAF Action Plan for Derbyshire will be developed based on our results, outlining how we will build on the areas that have been rated amber and improve the areas that have been rated as Red.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to:

1. Note and endorse the findings of the 2018 Derbyshire Autism Self-Assessment.

2. Note and agree the development of the SAF Action Plan to further support people with Autism living in Derbyshire.

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**Appendix 1****Summary of 2018 Autism Self-Assessment RAG Ratings****Areas where we are doing particularly well in the Self-Assessment (Green rated):**

- Autism is explicitly included in the local Derbyshire Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA)
- Involvement of the Derbyshire Autism Partnership in planning and implementation of the Autism Strategy
- Planning that specifically includes the needs of people with autism aged 65 and over
- People with autism and without a learning disability are able to access speech and language therapy
- People with autism and a learning disability are able to access post diagnosis occupational therapy
- Mental health services are able to offer crisis support for people with autism without a learning disability
- Advocates working with people with autism have access to specific autism training
- Access to Advocates for people with autism to meaningfully partake in needs assessments, care and support planning
- Accessible information about local support is available for people with autism
- Carers of people with autism are offered carer assessments through the care and support offer
- Adults with autism have access to a specialist disability employment team who facilitate access to employment.

**Areas of general progress but still require improvement (Amber rated):**

- Improved collection and reporting of data on autism (both health and social care) for purposes of planning and commissioning
- Greater involvement of people with autism and their families in planning and commissioning support services
- Reasonable adjustments required to general Council Services to improve access and support for people with autism
- Reasonable adjustments to more general services such as universities, libraries and public transport
- Reasonable adjustments to promote access for people with autism to health and social care information, support and advice
- Improved Transitions pathway taking into account the needs of young people with autism
- Improve the uptake of the Autism Awareness training that is available to all staff working in health and social care

- There are currently 2 local Autism Diagnosis pathways and equitable access to the local pathway needs improvement across Derbyshire
- The local Autism Diagnosis pathway is currently not able to meet the NICE recommended waiting times for diagnosis but has seen improvements during 2018 and due to increased funding aims to meet these waiting times by March 2019
- A higher profile around autism and supporting people with autism into settled accommodation is required in local partner housing strategies
- Greater employment focus with tailored programmes to support young people with autism going through transitions into employment
- Improved Criminal Justice Services awareness and involvement in the planning of support services for people with autism
- Increased awareness and understanding of the needs of people with autism by the Appropriate Adult Service

**Areas for development (Red rated):**

- Increase the uptake of specialist autism training that is available for social care staff carrying out statutory assessments
- Work with CCG Commissioners and the Mental Health Provider to develop a service that enables people with autism without a learning disability to access post diagnosis support in psychology
- Work with CCG Commissioners and the Mental Health Provider to develop a service that enables people with autism and without a learning disability to access post diagnosis occupational therapy assessments and support

| Section            | Question Summary   | Responses<br>PUBLIC |      |      | 2018        | Comments                      |
|--------------------|--|---------------------|------|------|-------------|-------------------------------|
|                    |  | 2013                | 2014 | 2016 |             |                               |
|                    |  |                     |      |      |             |                               |
| Planning           | Autism - included in the JSNA                                | G                   | G    | G    | G           | Q18                           |
|                    | Data collection in Social Care and Health                    |                     | A    | A    | A           | Q20                           |
|                    | Adequacy of data collection for Planning & Commissioning     |                     | G    | G    | Amber/Green | Q27 Amber/Green               |
|                    | CCG involved in Planning & Implementing Strategy             | G                   | G    | G    | G           | Q28                           |
|                    | Engagement of Self-Advocates and Carers in planning          | G                   | G    | G    | A           | Q31                           |
|                    | Reasonable adjustments made to general Council Services      |                     | A    | A    | A           | Q32                           |
|                    | Reasonable adjustments to enable access to NHS Services      | N/A                 | N/A  | N/A  | A           | Q33                           |
|                    | Reasonable adjustments to enable access to Information       | N/A                 | N/A  | A    | A           | Q34                           |
|                    | Reasonable adjustments made to Public Services               | N/A                 | A    | A    | A           | Q 35 Part 1                   |
|                    | Autistic people taking part in Culture or Leisure activities | N/A                 | N/A  | N/A  | A           | Q 35 Part 2                   |
|                    | Appropriate Transition Pathway from Children's to Adult      | N/A                 | A    | G    | A           | Q36                           |
|                    | Planning for the needs of Older People +65 with Autism       | G                   | G    | G    | G           | Q 42                          |
|                    | Autism awareness training for health and social care staff   | A                   | A    | A    | A           | Q48                           |
| Training           | Specific Training for Statutory Assessment staff             | A                   | A    | R    | R           | Q54 Area for Development      |
|                    | Local Autistic Diagnostic Pathway in place?                  | A                   | A    | A    | A           | Q60                           |
|                    | Meet NICE waiting times for diagnosis                        | N/A                 | N/A  | R    | A           | Q64 Aim to meet post Mar 2019 |
|                    | Access Post Diagnostic Psychology Assessments                | N/A                 | N/A  | R    | G           | Q74                           |
| Diagnostic pathway | Access Post Diagnostic Psychology Assessments without LD     | N/A                 | R    | R    | R           | Q75 Area for Development      |
|                    | Post Diagnostic S&LTherapy Assessment                        | N/A                 | R    | R    | G           | Q76                           |
|                    | Post Diagnostic S&LTherapy Assessment without LD             | N/A                 | R    | R    | G           | Q77                           |
|                    | Access Post Diagnostic OT Assessment                         | N/A                 | R    | R    | G           | Q78                           |
|                    | Access Post Diagnostic OT Assessment without LD              | N/A                 | R    | R    | R           | Q79 Area for Development      |
|                    | Mental Health Crisis Support provided without LD             | N/A                 | N/A  | A    | G           | Q82                           |
| Care and Support   | Advocates have Autism Training                               | G                   | G    | G    | G           | Q88                           |
|                    | Trained Advocates available for Major Service Reviews        | G                   | G    | G    | G           | Q89                           |
|                    | Information about local support being Accessible             | A                   | A    | G    | G           | Q92                           |
|                    | Assessments offered to Carers of Autistic People             | N/A                 | A    | G    | G           | Q93                           |
|                    | Local Housing Strategy, MPS specifically identify Autism     | A                   | A    | A    | A           | Q95                           |
| Employment         | Promotion of Employment for Autistic People                  | A                   | G    | G    | G           | Q97                           |

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|--------------------------------|---|-----|-----|-----|---|------|
| Criminal<br>Justice<br>Service | Transition process for Autistic People include Employment | G   | A   | A   | A | Q98  |
|                                | Does Local Offer assist Autistic People into Employment   | N/A | N/A | N/A | A | Q99  |
|                                | Criminal Justice Services Key Autism Planning Partners    | A   | A   | A   | A | Q101 |
|                                | Appropriate adult Service provided in Custody Suites      | A   | A   | A   | A | Q102 |