

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Title: Adult Autism Strategy

Start Date:

Scrutiny: Adults and Housing Scrutiny Committee

End Date:

PURPOSE/AIM	RESOURCE
<p>To provide Members with the opportunity to scrutinise the Adult Autism Strategy and to consider whether this Local Authority is meeting the standard guidelines set by the Government in relation to meeting the needs of adults with autism.</p>	<p>Pauline Mitchell – Assistant Director, Adult Social Care and Housing Mark Humble – Strategic Commissioning Manager Catherine Parker - PCT</p>
PROCESS	OUTCOME
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Scrutinise the Adult Autism Strategy and the statutory guidance published by the Government. 2. Consider and challenge the action plan that has been developed by this Authority and Darlington and Durham NHS to ascertain whether we are meeting the statutory guidance on the four key areas set out by the Government and scrutinise the progress made to date. 3. Question Officers to determine whether the action plan/work towards implementing the Adult Autism Strategy is being monitored, evaluated and adapted. 4. Clarify with Officers how this Authority compares to other local authorities in relation to meeting the guidelines set out by the Government. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To gain an improved understanding of the Adult Autism Strategy and be made aware of the standard guidelines set by the Government to ensure the needs of adults with autism are being met. 2. To ensure that the action plan, developed by this Authority and Darlington Durham NHS, meets and improves the needs of adults with autism and is regularly monitored, evaluated and adapted. 3. To ensure that the services currently provided meet the needs of adults with autism across the spectrum. 4. To feed back any views/recommendations of Scrutiny to Officers on the action plan to help improve the services provided and meet the needs of adults with autism in Darlington.

COUNCILLOR

(TO BE SIGNED BY MEMBER OR SCRUTINY COMMITTEE REQUESTING TOPIC)

CHAIR

(TO BE SIGNED BY CHAIR OF SCRUTINY COMMITTEE)