

Darlington Borough Council and Durham and Darlington NHS Action Plan:

To Deliver the Autism Strategy in Darlington: At 15th March 2012

Outcome	Action	Lead	Date to be Completed	Progress
<p>Diagnosis and support</p> <p>There will be a clear route for people to receive a diagnosis of Autism. People will know about this route and it is a simple and straightforward process.</p> <p>Following diagnosis people will know what their options are for support.</p>	<p>There is a specific commissioning intention from the PCT linked to developing a published and accessible pathway.</p> <p>The work is being developed across Durham and Darlington</p>	<p>Catherine Parker</p>	<p>April 2012</p>	<p>Diagnosis continues as part of a spot purchase agreement with Tees and Esk Wear Valley Foundation Trust.</p> <p>Following a workshop a specification for the service has been drafted based on the current specification for Durham. The start date for this is imminent.</p> <p>The specification includes the inclusion of a support role, who will link those with a diagnosis into local support.</p>

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				<p>The proposal is a joint service across Durham Darlington and Tees which will enable greater flexibility and get us a better value service.</p> <p>In terms of social care interface all service users will be allocated a care coordinator in the appropriate care team.</p>
<p>Training</p> <p>Staff who provide services and support to people with Autism will be well trained.</p> <p>Staff who work within the social care sector will have an understanding of Autism</p> <p>Staff who work in universal services will have an understanding of autism and its impacts.</p>	<p>Develop local training in line with the Skills for Care, “Autism skills and knowledge list for workers”</p> <p>The Local Authority organise and run three training sessions a year linked to raising awareness</p>	<p>Donna Marie Jones</p>	<p>July 2012</p>	<p>The Local Authority runs three Autism Awareness sessions a year which are open to carers and the wider social and health care sector.</p> <p>The workforce lead is working in partnership with regional leads to deliver a range of training.</p>

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<p>Transition</p> <p>Young people with Autism will experience the transfer from Child Adolescence Mental Health Services to Adult Mental Health Services as seamless.</p> <p>Young people with Autism will experience transition from Children's Social Care Services to Adult Social Care Services as seamless.</p>	<p>Local Protocol for transfer has been agreed between the PCT and TEWV. Transfer is a subject of SEQUIN programme. Linking this work to financial incentive.</p> <p>A process to be developed as part of the new life stages model service.</p>	<p>Lorrae Rose</p> <p>Ian Walker</p>	<p>September 2012</p>	<p>A Transition process agreed and in place.</p> <p>IW asked to update at the next meeting needs to be a key element of the new life stages service</p>
<p>Local Planning & Leadership</p> <p>Darlington will have a nominated commissioning lead for Autism.</p> <p>Darlington will have the information it needs to plan effectively for people with Autism and their families.</p>	<p>Currently a lead for Health and one for Social Care</p> <p>The Councils Carefirst data system will be used to collate data on people with Autism.</p>	<p>Mark Humble Catherine Parker</p> <p>Kevin Kelly</p>	<p>Complete</p> <p>October 2012</p>	<p>Two local leads in place at the moment.</p> <p>Carefirst recently changed to allow recording of Autism easily. Team working to collate this info as part of the current reviewing process.</p>

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<p>Both the Local Authority and the National Health Service are aware of and have taken steps to meet the requirements of the statutory guidance.</p>	<p>The “refreshed” Joint Strategic Needs Assessment will include a section on the needs of people with Autism and their carers.</p>	<p>Mark Humble</p>	<p>On-going</p>	<p>Action: Lisa Holdsworth collated some info from 0-25 team, to put on CareFirst. LH also asked 26+ team for the information they have.</p> <p>Darlington Council has been involved in the regional development of JSNA. JSNA being refreshed rather than renewed can influence from next year. Contact made with the SNA lead. Action: MH meeting with SNA Lead to progress this</p>
<p>Other Key Outcomes</p> <p>There will be a clear local pathway that supports people with Autism into employment.</p>	<p>Existing support for employment to be mapped and a Pathway to be developed and agreed locally.</p>	<p>Mark Humble</p>	<p>January 2013</p>	<p>Pathway is being developed as part of ongoing work to develop a pathway for people with a learning disability.</p>

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<p>People with Autism will have their needs identified and met through key local plans and strategies, including the Strategic Needs Assessment and the work of the Health and Wellbeing Boards.</p>	<p>The “refreshed” Joint Strategic Needs Assessment will include a section on the needs of people with Autism and their carers.</p>			<p>Linked to JSNA/SNA refresh</p>
<p>There is an integrated and joined up commissioning plan for services and support for people with Autism.</p>	<p>Discussion to take place between NHS and Local Authority in relation to a specific commissioning plan or ensuring needs of people with Autism are embedded with other commissioning plans</p>	<p>Mark Humble Catherine Parker</p>	<p>April 2013</p>	<p>Work in relation to identifying need is required before commissioning plan is agreed/ developed.</p>
<p>People with Autism will know what local services and support exists that can meet their needs.</p>	<p>Information sheets/Web access to be developed</p> <p>Autism Support Directory to be developed</p> <p>Market event for providers who support people with Autism to be arranged</p>	<p>Mark Humble</p>	<p>April 2013</p>	<p>Support Directory and Market event to be discussed at the Carers meeting planned for 18th April 2012</p>

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<p>People with Autism and their families play a key role in service design and planning.</p> <p>The Council and PCT will know how much support its staff need in delivering services and support to people with Autism.</p> <p>Darlington is up to speed with national good practice in relation to Autism and uses it to</p>	<p>Mapping needed in relation to current forums/opportunities to include people with Autism and their carers in service development.</p> <p>Once local need is identified a training audit and plan can be undertaken and delivered.</p> <p>Darlington is represented within the regional forums to deliver change, including the Regional Group, the Provider Forum and the local Service development Group, which is across Darlington and Durham Group.</p>		Complete	<p>MH discussed with DAD and they have identified a number of individuals and carers who want to contribute to the agenda. Lisa Holdsworth has supported the development of a Carers Meeting for those who support someone with Autism. At the next meeting on the 18th April this action plan will be shared and amended.</p>

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<p>develop and remodel how it supports people with Autism.</p> <p>There are increasing numbers of people with Autism using personal budgets to meet their social care needs.</p> <p>Other Key Actions:</p> <p>Need to engage with wider partners re their input into the self assessment.</p> <p>Social Care and Housing Scrutiny Committee have expressed their interest in this topic</p> <p>People with Autism and their carers will have had the opportunity to comment on this action plan</p>	<p>A system needs to be in place to record those with Autism and those with personal budgets</p> <p>Engage with criminal justice</p> <p>A report on Autism to be presented to Adults and Housing Scrutiny Committee</p> <p>Further consultation needed on this action plan</p>	<p>Mark Humble</p> <p>Mark Humble</p>	<p>Complete</p> <p>April 2012</p> <p>April 2012</p>	<p>The current work in relation to data collection will support this process.</p> <p>Meeting with carers planned</p> <p>Autism summit to be arranged</p>