

## Sheffield Autism Partnership Board: Terms of Reference

The Sheffield Autism Partnership Board will hold to account Sheffield City Council, Clinical Commissioning Group and Sheffield Health & Social Care Trust to implement in Sheffield the requirements of the Autism Act (2009), the Department of Health's subsequent national Adult Autism Strategy and Statutory Guidance, and the Care Act (2014).

Specifically it will:

- Bring together representation from local authority, NHS, community and voluntary sector organisations and services; autistic<sup>1</sup> adults, their parents and family members, and other relevant organisations and individuals;
- Listen responsively to what all relevant parties, especially autistic people themselves, their advocates and families have to say;
- Oversee the development of long-term plans in Sheffield to improve services and support for autistic adults and their families, including young autistic persons in transition to adulthood;
- Monitor the effectiveness of services and support for autistic adults and their families, in line with an evolving understanding of their particular and various needs, and with the most accurate local demographic information available;
- Identify gaps in the provision of services so as to inform Sheffield's Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and the commissioning of future services;
- Inform, involve and educate in relation to autism<sup>1</sup> as many people as possible in the wider community;
- Agree the Department of Health's Autism Self-Assessment Framework exercise (SAF) for Sheffield before it is submitted.

*(Note 1: In the context of this document, the terms 'autism' and 'autistic' refer to Autistic Spectrum Conditions (ASC) including Asperger's Syndrome and related neurodevelopmental disorder.)*