

Autism Self-Assessment Framework 2014

Section 1

DETAILS - QUESTION 1

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Section 2

INTRODUCTION - QUESTION 1

How many Clinical Commissioning Groups do you need to work with to implement the Adult Autism Strategy in your local authority area?	1	<i>Number</i>
Please indicate which ones these are.	NHS Sheffield Clinical Commissioning Group	

INTRODUCTION - QUESTION 2

Are you working with other local authorities to implement part or all of the priorities of the strategy?	No	Yes/No
If yes, name these local authorities and identify which priorities, including how you are doing this.		

Section 3

PLANNING - QUESTION 1

Who is the joint commissioner/senior manager responsible for services for adults with autism? Please provide their name and contact details and who they report to.	Joe Fowler, Director of Commissioning, Communities Portfolio, Sheffield City Council. Reporting to Laraine Manley, Executive Director of Communities Portfolio, Sheffield City Council.
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PLANNING - QUESTION 2

What is the name of the post for the joint commissioner/senior manager responsible for services for adults with autism?	Director of Commissioning, Communities Portfolio, Sheffield City Council
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PLANNING - QUESTION 3

What are the responsibilities of the joint commissioner/senior manager responsible for services for adults with autism?	Responsible for: social care commissioning & contracts; Housing Revenue Act business planning; private sector housing; regeneration; Housing Independence Service.
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PLANNING - QUESTION 4

Is Autism included in the local JSNA?	Green	<i>Please select one of the following answers that most accurately describes the situation</i>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Red</td> <td>No</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Amber</td> <td>Steps are in place to include in the next JSNA.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Green</td> <td>Yes</td> </tr> </table>	Red	No	Amber	Steps are in place to include in the next JSNA.	Green	Yes
Red	No								
Amber	Steps are in place to include in the next JSNA.								
Green	Yes								
Does your local JSNA specifically consider the needs of children and young people with autism?	Yes	Yes/No							
Provide a web link and page references.	https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/caresupport/health/health-wellbeing-board/what-the-board-does/JSNA.html								

PLANNING - QUESTION 5

Have you now started to collect data on those people referred to and/or accessing social care and/or health care and does your information system report data on people with a diagnosis of autism, including as a secondary condition, in line with the requirements of the social care framework?	Amber	<i>Please select one of the following answers that most accurately describes the situation</i>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Red</td> <td>Data recorded on adults with autism is sparse and collected in an ad hoc way</td> </tr> </table>	Red	Data recorded on adults with autism is sparse and collected in an ad hoc way
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Amber	Current data recorded annually but there are gaps identified in statutory health and/or social care services data. Some data sharing exists between services
Green	An established data collection and sharing policy inclusive of primary care, health provision, adult social care, schools or local education authority and voluntary sector care providers is in place and used regularly

Add any further comments you want (optional)

PLANNING - QUESTION 6

Do you collect data on the total number of people currently known to social care services with a diagnosis of autism (whether new or long-standing) meeting eligibility criteria for social care (irrespective of whether they receive any)?	Yes	Yes/No
Comment briefly if you wish on how you collect these numbers locally.	Through its Care First customer recording system, the local authority records autism as a health condition for people having a new social care contact, assessment or annual review. This information currently has gaps but there is a systematic process in place to complete the data. For example, primary care and social care data have been joined together to inform needs analysis (including in relation to autism). The service commissioned for autism diagnosis and post-diagnosis support - Sheffield Adult Autism and Neurodevelopmental Service (SAANS) - maintains a database of all clients diagnosed with ASC/ADHD. This is for Sheffield and out of area clients. There is not currently a clear mechanism for sharing this information across Health and Social Care Services.	
The total number of people meeting social care eligibility criteria with autism?	129	Number
The number of people meeting social care eligibility criteria with autism who also have learning disabilities?	119	Number
The number of people meeting social care eligibility criteria with autism who also have mental health problems?	*	Number
The numbers assessed as having autism but not meeting eligibility criteria?	72	Number

PLANNING - QUESTION 7

Does your Local Joint Strategic Commissioning Plan reflect local data and needs of people with autism?	Yes	Yes/No
If yes, how is this demonstrated?	The plan draws on data and information about needs from different sources. This includes joint work between health and the local authority adults and children's teams to develop specific proposals on employment and accommodation. For example, the design of new accommodation will be informed by the views of people with autism. The further development of the JSNA will produce significant further information.	

What data collection sources do you use?	Amber/ Green	Please select one of the following answers that most accurately describes the situation	Red	No work underway
			Red/ Amber	Collection of limited data sources
			Amber	Have made a start in collecting data and plan to progress
			Amber/ Green	Have started to collect data and while not comp-rehensive, feel that it is an accurate reflection
			Green	Information from GPs, Schools or Local Education Authority, voluntary sector, providers, assessments and diagnosis are all collected and compared against the local population prevalence rate

Provide a web link to a local published summary of numbers or say where this can be obtained.
<http://shsc.nhs.uk/service/sheffield-adult-autism-and-neurodevelopmental-service/>
<http://www.shu.ac.uk/faculties/ds/education/theautismcentre/>

PLANNING - QUESTION 8

Is your local Clinical Commissioning Group or Clinical Commissioning Groups (including the support service) engaged in the planning and implementation of the strategy in your local area?	Green	Please select one of the following answers that most accurately describes the situation	Red	None or minimal engagement with the LA in planning and implementation.
			Amber	Representative from CCG and / or the support service sits on autism partnership board or alternative and are in regular liaison with the LA about planning and implementation.
			Green	CCG are fully engaged and work collaboratively to implement the NHS responsibilities of the strategy and are equal partners in the implementation of the strategy at a local level.

Provide evidence to support your answer.
 Through the GP lead for Sheffield and the Commissioning Manager, the CCG has been closely involved in the work of the Autism Strategy Implementation Group and will be key partners in an Autism Summit, planned in Sheffield for May 2015.

PLANNING - QUESTION 9

How have you and your partners engaged people with autism and their carers in planning?	Amber	Please select one of the following answers that most accurately describes the situation	Red	Minimal autism engagement work has taken place.
			Amber	Some autism specific consultation work has taken place. Autism Partnership Group is regularly attended by one person with autism and one parent/carer who are meaningfully involved.
			Green	A variety of mechanisms are being used so a cross section of people on the autistic spectrum are meaningfully engaged in the planning and implementation of the Adult Autism Strategy. People with autism are thoroughly involved in the Autism Partnership Group.

Specify what you did to demonstrate your score.	Engagement with people with an ASC and family carers has taken place through the local Autism Strategy Implementation Group, working groups and targeted sessions. On-line engagement is being supported through local authority funding to an independent sector organisation. Adult social care is developing its engagement approaches to include people with ASC. Sheffield is holding its first autism summit in spring 2015 for people with ASC and other stakeholders, which will be an opportunity for the city to agree its key priorities.
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PLANNING - QUESTION 10

Have reasonable adjustments been made to general council services to improve access and support for people with autism?	Amber	Please select one of the following answers that most accurately describes the situation	Red	Only anecdotal examples.
			Amber	There is a clear council policy covering reasonable adjustments to statutory and other wider public services which make specific reference to autism
			Green	Clear council policy as in Amber and evidence of widespread implementation in relation to needs of people with autism.

Please give an example.	Clients' preferred method of communication (e.g. telephone, text, e-mail, etc) is taken into consideration when arranging time with the local authority's specialist autism social worker. The specialist worker's role allows clients to build trust and relationship rather than seeing different workers. When making appointments, the place to meet is taken into consideration according to individual requirements where possible. The local authority has adapted the Hidden Impairments National Group toolkit to enhance the way the Council supports customers and staff with ASC and other hidden impairments. The local authority's reasonable adjustment policy guides consider the broader terminology ('impairment', 'disability') but specific reference is made to autism as an example of a hidden impairment.
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PLANNING - QUESTION 11

In your area have reasonable adjustments been promoted to enable people with autism to access public services?	Amber	Please select one of the following answers that most accurately describes the situation	Red	There is little evidence of reasonable adjustments in wider public services, to improve access for people with autism.
			Amber	There are some examples of reasonable adjustments being made to public services to improve access for people with autism, across a small range of services.
			Green	There is evidence of implementation of reasonable adjustments for people with autism in a wide range of publicly provided and commercial public services

PLANNING - QUESTION 12

How do your transition processes from Children's services to Adult services take into account the particular needs of young people with autism?	Amber	Please select one of the following answers that most accurately describes the situation	Red	No consideration of the needs of young people with autism: no data collection; no analysis of need; no training in young people's services.
			Amber	Transition process triggered by parental request. Training in some but not all services designed for use by young people, and data collection on young people with autism and/education health and care (EHC) plans.
			Green	Transition process automatic. Training inclusive of young people's services. Analysis of the needs of population of young people, including those without education health and care (EHC) plans and specialist commissioning where necessary and the appropriate reasonable adjustments made.

How many children with autism are currently identified and receiving assistance in the transition ages (14 to 17) in the year to the end of March 2014?	50	Number
How many children with autism have been through the transition process in the year to the end of March 2014?	20	Number

PLANNING - QUESTION 13

How does your planning take into account the particular needs of older people with autism?	Red	Please select one of the following answers that most accurately describes the situation	Red	No consideration of the needs of older people with autism: no data collection; no analysis of need; no training in older people's services.
			Amber	Training in some but not all services designed for use by older people, and data collection on people over-65 with autism.
			Green	Training inclusive of older people's services. Analysis of the needs of population of older people inclusive of autism and specialist commissioning where necessary and the appropriate reasonable adjustments made.

Add any further comments you want (optional)	Clients' needs are assessed on an individual basis. Some links have been developed with older adults services around specific clients.
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PLANNING - QUESTION 14

How do your planning and implementation of the strategy take into account the particular needs of women with autism?	Clinicians undertake CPD around autism and women. Clients' needs are assessed on an individual basis. Support through a women's group is offered.
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PLANNING - QUESTION 15

How do your planning and implementation of the strategy take into account the particular needs of people who have autism in BME communities?	
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Section 4

TRAINING - QUESTION 1

Have you got a multi-agency autism training plan?	No	Yes/No
What staff groups and agencies are included? Provide a link if necessary	<p>There is not a single autism training plan. However, several key staff groups are accessing autism training, including Learning Disability Provider Services (local authority), Care & Support Services (i.e social workers and care managers), staff in Adult Mental Health services, independent sector providers, individual employers and PAs. A range of training materials has been developed for staff working for the local authority or in social care. These materials include e-learning, autism information and tips, practical reports and personal stories. They are designed to enable staff to access appropriate level information. They are available for download from the Social Care On-Line In Sheffield (SCOLIS) website - link: http://www.scolis.co.uk/course/view.php?id=51</p>	

TRAINING - QUESTION 2

Is autism awareness training being/been made available to all staff working in health and social care?	Amber	<i>Please select one of the following answers that most accurately describes the situation</i>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td style="background-color: #FFC0CB;">Red</td> <td>Historical workforce training data available from statutory organisations on request. Not yet devised an autism training plan/strategy.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="background-color: #FFD700;">Amber</td> <td>Client facing staff identified as a priority. Good range of local autism training that meets NICE guidelines - and some data on take up. Workforce training data available from statutory organisations on request. Autism training plan/strategy near completion.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="background-color: #90EE90;">Green</td> <td>Focus on all staff. Staff in children's services specifically included. Comprehensive range of local autism training that meets NICE guidelines and data on take up. Workforce training data collected from all statutory organisations and collated annually, gaps identified and plans developed to address. Autism training plan/strategy published.</td> </tr> </table>	Red	Historical workforce training data available from statutory organisations on request. Not yet devised an autism training plan/strategy.	Amber	Client facing staff identified as a priority. Good range of local autism training that meets NICE guidelines - and some data on take up. Workforce training data available from statutory organisations on request. Autism training plan/strategy near completion.	Green	Focus on all staff. Staff in children's services specifically included. Comprehensive range of local autism training that meets NICE guidelines and data on take up. Workforce training data collected from all statutory organisations and collated annually, gaps identified and plans developed to address. Autism training plan/strategy published.
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Specify whether Self-Advocates with autism are included in the design of training and/or whether they have a role as trainers. If the latter specify whether face-to-face or on video/other recorded media.	Yes, in courses designed or commissioned in partnership with the local authority Learning Center and Sheffield Health and Social Care Trust.								

TRAINING - QUESTION 3

Is specific training being/been provided to staff that carry out statutory assessments on how to make adjustments in their approach and communication?	Amber	<i>Please select one of the following answers that most accurately describes the situation</i>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td style="background-color: #FFC0CB;">Red</td> <td>No specific training is being offered</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="background-color: #FFD700;">Amber</td> <td>At least 50% of assessors have attended specialist autism training.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="background-color: #90EE90;">Green</td> <td>More than 75% of assessors have attended specialist autism training specifically aimed at applying the knowledge in their undertaking of a statutory assessment, ie applying FACs, NHS Community Care Act.</td> </tr> </table>	Red	No specific training is being offered	Amber	At least 50% of assessors have attended specialist autism training.	Green	More than 75% of assessors have attended specialist autism training specifically aimed at applying the knowledge in their undertaking of a statutory assessment, ie applying FACs, NHS Community Care Act.
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Add any further comments you want (optional)	Specific training is provided to staff when identified via supervision sessions. It is undertaken through the local authority training and development service, and the Sheffield Adult Autism and Neurodevelopmental Service (SAANS) team are available for help and advice as necessary.								

TRAINING - QUESTION 4

Do Clinical Commissioning Group(s) ensure that all primary and secondary healthcare providers include autism training as part of their ongoing workforce development?	Yes	Yes/No
Please comment further on any developments and challenges.	<p>A Protected Learning Initiative event in the summer of 2014 specifically about autism reached over 70 GPs. A further PFI session with a focus on learning disability, scheduled for autumn 2015, will also include autism. The CCG has worked with Sheffield Hallam University to develop masteclasses in autism, including in relation to children on the spectrum. Sheffield Teaching Hospitals work to an autism action plan that was developed following the introduction of the national autism strategy.</p>	

TRAINING - QUESTION 5

Criminal Justice services: Do staff in the local police service engage in autism awareness training?	Yes	Yes/No
Please provide specific examples.	<p>All uniform frontline Police Officers (first responders) attend a regular training day at the Force Training Centre, ('Streetskills'). Between March and August 2014 over 1,500 officers attended this programme where 'Autism Awareness' was covered. The information and early delivery were supplied by Sheffield Adult Autism and Neurodevelopmental Service. The areas covered were:</p> <p>What is Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)? Difficulties that people with an ASD may have; How people with ASD may act; Social imagination; Why might people with ASD be involved in the Criminal Justice System? How can I tell if someone might have an ASD? Do's and don'ts.</p>	

TRAINING - QUESTION 6

Criminal Justice services: Do staff in the local court services engage in autism awareness training?	Yes	Yes/No/Not applicable
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TRAINING - QUESTION 7

Criminal Justice services: Do staff in the local probation service engage in autism awareness training?	No	Yes/No
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Section 5

DIAGNOSIS LED BY THE LOCAL NHS COMMISSIONER - QUESTION 1

Have you got an established local autism diagnostic pathway?	Green	Please select one of the following answers that most accurately describes the situation	Red	No local diagnosis service planned or established. No clear transparent pathway to obtaining a diagnosis for Adults identified and only ad-hoc spot purchasing of out of area services. NICE guidelines are not being followed.
			Amber	Local diagnosis pathway established or in process of implementation / sign off but unclear referral route. A transparent but out of locality diagnostic pathway is in place. Some NICE guidelines are being applied.
			Green	A local diagnostic pathway is in place and accessible. GPs are aware and involved in the process. Wait for referral to diagnostic service is within three months. NICE guidelines are implemented within the model
Does the pathway meet people with autism's needs regardless of whether or not the person meets LD criteria?	The pathway was developed with the close involvement of the GP clinical lead and an evidence base provided by GPs. Central to the pathway is the SAANS service, the specification for which incorporated NICE guidelines. Through the pathway, support is available for people across the autistic spectrum, including people with and without learning disability or mental ill health.			

DIAGNOSIS LED BY THE LOCAL NHS COMMISSIONER - QUESTION 2

If you have got an established local autism diagnostic pathway, when was the pathway put in place?	Insert date (yyyy/mm)
Add any further comments you want (optional)	(Pathway in place from 2013/10 - unable to enter date in question above). The introduction of the pathway and SAANS service is now available for all relevant customers. It was developed from October 2013. A local diagnostic service was available for some people with autism before that date but it did not have universal coverage and was difficult to access. A specific pathway for people with autism and learning disability was in place for several years before.

DIAGNOSIS LED BY THE LOCAL NHS COMMISSIONER - QUESTION 3

In the year to the end of March 2014, how many people were referred out of area for diagnosis, despite a local diagnostic pathway being in place?	Number
Add any further comments you want (optional)	This figure is not available. The pathway was in place from October 2013, although further developed was then needed e.g. recruitment of further staff to the SAANS multi-disciplinary team.

DIAGNOSIS LED BY THE LOCAL NHS COMMISSIONER - QUESTION 4

In weeks, how long is the average wait between referral and assessment? (Note, this should include all people referred irrespective of prioritisation streams)	28	Number
Add any further comments you want (optional)	Since it was commissioned, there has continually been high demand and a backlog for SAANS. It is working to address this and the waiting time is expecting to come down as there is some leveling off of demand.	

DIAGNOSIS LED BY THE LOCAL NHS COMMISSIONER - QUESTION 5

How many people have been referred for an assessment but have yet to receive a diagnosis? (Note, this should include all people referred irrespective of prioritisation streams)	100	Number
Add any further comments you want (optional)		

DIAGNOSIS LED BY THE LOCAL NHS COMMISSIONER - QUESTION 6

In the year to the end of March 2014 how many people have received a diagnosis of an autistic spectrum condition?	45	Number
Add any further comments you want (optional)		

DIAGNOSIS LED BY THE LOCAL NHS COMMISSIONER - QUESTION 7

How many of the people receiving a diagnosis in the year to end March 2014 had moved on to appropriate services by end September 2014?	45	Number
Add any further comments you want (optional)		

DIAGNOSIS LED BY THE LOCAL NHS COMMISSIONER - QUESTION 8

How would you describe the local diagnostic pathway, ie Integrated with mainstream statutory services with a specialist awareness of autism for diagnosis or a specialist autism specific service?	Specialist	Please select one of the following answers that most accurately describes the situation	Integrated	Specialist
Please comment further.	It is a specialist Autism Specific Service within an NHS provider organisation with links to mainstream statutory services (e.g. local authority assessment & care management and Sheffield Teaching Hospitals).			

DIAGNOSIS LED BY THE LOCAL NHS COMMISSIONER - QUESTION 9

In your local diagnostic pathway does a diagnosis of autism automatically trigger an offer of a Community Care Assessment (or re-assessment if the person has already had a current community care assessment)?	Yes	Yes/No
Please comment, i.e. if not who receives notification from diagnosticians when someone has received a diagnosis? How is this handled with people unlikely to be FACS eligible?	Client and referrer receive a report on the assessment. The client decides who else they would like to be informed.	

DIAGNOSIS LED BY THE LOCAL NHS COMMISSIONER - QUESTION 10

Can people diagnosed with autism access post diagnostic specific or reasonably adjusted psychology assessments?	Green	Please select one of the following answers that most accurately describes the situation	Red	Amber	Availability patchy or mainly generic services, with a small number of reasonably adjusted services.	Available everywhere. Mainly reasonably adjusted services, with some access to autism specific services (when necessary) and some generic services.
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Green	All services are reasonably adjusted to provide access to post diagnostic specialist assessments. Access to autism specific services is also available when necessary.
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DIAGNOSIS LED BY THE LOCAL NHS COMMISSIONER - QUESTION 11

Can people diagnosed with autism access post diagnostic specific or reasonably adjusted speech and language therapy assessments?	Green
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Please select one of the following answers that most accurately describes the situation

Red	Availability patchy or mainly generic services, with a small number of reasonably adjusted services.
Amber	Available everywhere. Mainly reasonably adjusted services, with some access to autism specific services (when necessary) and some generic services.
Green	All services are reasonably adjusted to provide access to post diagnostic specialist assessments. Access to autism specific services is also available when necessary.

DIAGNOSIS LED BY THE LOCAL NHS COMMISSIONER - QUESTION 12

Can people diagnosed with autism access post diagnostic specific or reasonably adjusted occupational therapy assessments?	Green
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Please select one of the following answers that most accurately describes the situation

Red	Availability patchy or mainly generic services, with a small number of reasonably adjusted services.
Amber	Available everywhere. Mainly reasonably adjusted services, with some access to autism specific services (when necessary) and some generic services.
Green	All services are reasonably adjusted to provide access to post diagnostic specialist assessments. Access to autism specific services is also available when necessary.

DIAGNOSIS LED BY THE LOCAL NHS COMMISSIONER - QUESTION 13

Is post-diagnostic adjustment support available with local clinical psychology or other services?	Yes	Yes/No
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Section 6

CARE AND SUPPORT - QUESTION 1

Of those adults who were assessed as being eligible for adult social care services and who are in receipt of a personal budget, how many have a diagnosis of Autism both with a co-occurring learning disability and without?		
Number of adults assessed as being eligible for adult social care services and in receipt of a personal budget	127	Number
Number of those reported in 1 who have a diagnosis of Autism but not learning disability	8	Number
Number of those reported in 1 who have both a diagnosis of Autism AND Learning Disability	119	Number

CARE AND SUPPORT - QUESTION 2

Do you have a single identifiable contact point where people with autism whether or not in receipt of statutory services can get information signposting autism-friendly entry points for a wide range of local services?	General
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Please select one of the following answers that most accurately describes the situation

General	General entry point
Single	Single point of access with Autism specific reasonable adjustments at entry point
Autism-specific	Autism-specific access point

Add any further comments you want (optional)	Clients with autism can get information signposting them to autism friendly entry points via the general referral route into Adult Social Care.
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CARE AND SUPPORT - QUESTION 3

Do you have a recognised pathway for people with autism but without a learning disability to access a community care assessment and other support?	Yes	Yes/No
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Add any further comments you want (optional)	The pathway for referrals for clients with autism who do not have a learning disability is via the general referral route. Referral officers do initial screening, sign posting to appropriate services via Community Access and Reablement and referring to the specialist autism social worker where the client meets the eligibility criteria; (IQ over 70 and not having other significant mental health issues, or not being open to mental health services).
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CARE AND SUPPORT - QUESTION 4

Do you have a programme in place to ensure that all advocates working with people with autism have training in their specific requirements?	Red	Please select one of the following answers that most accurately describes the situation	Red	No programme in place.
			Amber	Programme in place, not all advocates are covered.
			Green	Programme in place, all advocates are covered.
Add any further comments you want (optional)	All contracted for advocacy services are expected to have in place appropriate training for their client groups, including autism.			

CARE AND SUPPORT - QUESTION 5

Do adults with autism who could not otherwise meaningfully participate in needs assessments, care and support planning, appeals, reviews, or safeguarding processes have access to an appropriately trained advocate?	Amber	Please select one of the following answers that most accurately describes the situation	Red	No autism specific advocacy service available
			Amber	Yes. Local advocacy services are working at becoming autism-aware.
			Green	Yes. There are mechanisms in place to ensure that all advocates working with adults with autism have received specialist autism training.
Add any further comments you want (optional)	If advocacy is required by any clients, a range of groups are involved. These include formally constituted advocacy services (e.g. Mental Health Advocacy Service) and groups offering information and support (e.g. Disability Sheffield, Carers Centre, National Autism Society). The local authority is ensuring that advocacy is available as required by the Care Act.			

CARE AND SUPPORT - QUESTION 6

Can people with autism access support if they are non Fair Access Criteria eligible or not eligible for statutory services?	Yes	Yes/No	
Provide an example of the type of support that is available in your area and how you measure if it is successful.	Clients who are eligible for care & support may be referred to the local authority floating support services, other tenancy support services or the local authority reablement service. In some cases, clients may receive input from the specialist social worker to support with employment, work programmes or other input to prevent breakdown or crisis.		

CARE AND SUPPORT - QUESTION 7

How would you assess the level of information about local support across the area being accessible to people with autism?	Amber	Please select one of the following answers that most accurately describes the situation	Red	Information about support services for people with autism is either seriously incomplete or not easily accessible.
			Amber	There is a moderate level of information available about support services for people with autism which is either incomplete or not readily accessible to people with autism.
			Green	There is readily accessible information available on all relevant support services available for people with autism.
Add any further comments you want (optional)	Information about a range of groups and organisations offering services aimed at, or accessible to, people with autism is available through the Sheffield Help Yourself website. The local authority is developing a more comprehensive information & advice platform in line with its Care Act responsibilities. The local SEND offer is also available on-line. We are continuing to look for ways to make information as useful as possible and have developed a local autism standard which organisations will be able to apply for and which will help customers with autism identify appropriate groups and organisations with greater confidence. Key local city resources such as Autism Plus and the Autism Centre at Sheffield Hallam University are also valuable sources of information.			

CARE AND SUPPORT - QUESTION 8

Where appropriate are carers of people assessed as having autism and eligible for social care support offered assessments?	Amber	Please select one of the following answers that most accurately describes the situation	Red	Carers assessments are not consistently routinely offered
			Amber	Where carers are identified in the course of assessments of people with autism, they are routinely offered carers assessments
			Green	Upon assessment of people with autism carers are routinely identified and offered a carers assessment. Carers can also self-identify and request a carers assessment. Information about how to obtain a carers assessment is clearly available.

Comment

Section 7
HOUSING AND ACCOMMODATION - QUESTION 1

Does the local housing strategy specifically identify Autism? **Amber**

Please select one of the following answers that most accurately describes the situation

Red	Needs of people with Autism (as distinct from needs of people with other disabilities) not specifically mentioned in housing strategy
Amber	Housing requirements of people with autism receive explicit consideration but not to level described in Green rating
Green	Comprehensive range of types of housing need for people with autism considered including estimates of numbers of placements required in each category

Please provide a web link and page references to support your answer. <https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/in-your-area/housing-services/housing-strategies.html> (page 14). <https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/in-your-area/housing-services/housing-strategies/housing-equalities-action-plan.html>

HOUSING AND ACCOMMODATION - QUESTION 2

Do you have a policy of ensuring that local housing offices all have at least one staff member who has training in autism to help people make applications and fill in necessary forms? **No** Yes/No

Add any further comments you want (optional) We are currently restructuring the front line housing service to provide a Housing Plus approach and having an autism champion could be considered.

Section 8
EMPLOYMENT - QUESTION 1

How have you promoted in your area the employment of people on the Autistic Spectrum? **Amber**

Please select one of the following answers that most accurately describes the situation

Red	No work in this area has been provided or minimal information not applied to the local area specific to Autism. Local employment support services are not trained in autism or consider the support needs of the individual taking into account their autism. Local job centres are not engaged.
Amber	Autism awareness is delivered to employers on an individual basis. Local employment support services include Autism. Some contact made with local job centres.
Green	Autism is included within the Employment or worklessness Strategy for the Council / or included in a disability employment strategy. Focused Autism trained Employment support. Proactive engagement with local employers specifically about employment of people with autism including retaining work. Engagement of the local job centre in supporting reasonable adjustments in the workplace via Access to work.

Add any further comments you want (optional) The local authority provides funding for an organisation that specialises in the employment support of people on the autistic spectrum. Local organisations and the local authority supported the national Undiscovered Workforce campaign through a marketplace event that attracted 140 individuals and 15 stallholders. The Hidden Impairment National Group toolkit was adapted to make it applicable and usable locally to support Sheffield City Council employees and customers. There is broader prioritisation of employment and disability at Health & Wellbeing Board level and in partnership with Job Centre Plus, which includes autism but not specifically.

EMPLOYMENT - QUESTION 2

Do autism transition processes to adult services have an employment focus? **Amber**

Please select one of the following answers that most accurately describes the situation

Red	Transition plans do not include specific reference to employment or continued learning.
Amber	Transition plans include reference to employment/activity opportunities.
Green	Transition plans include detailed reference to employment, access to further development in relation to individual's future aspirations, choice and opportunities available.

Add any further comments you want (optional) There is some practice and focus around employment at the transitions stage from Children's to Adult services in relation to autism. The introduction of SEND legislation and the expectations and planning structures is expected to help with awareness and the consistent inclusion and delivery of employment opportunities for the young people.

Section 9
CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM - QUESTION 1

Are the Criminal Justice Services (police, probation and, if relevant, court services) engaged with you as key partners in planning for adults with autism? **Amber**

Please select one of the following answers that most accurately describes the situation

Red	Minimal or no engagement with the criminal justice services.
Amber	* discussions between local authority adult social care services and criminal justice service agencies are continuing; * representatives from criminal justice service agencies sit on autism partnership board or alternative
Green	As amber, but in addition : * people with autism are included in the development of local criminal justice diversion schemes * representative from criminal justice services agencies regularly attend meetings of the autism partnership board or alternative * there is evidence of joint working such as alert cards or similar schemes in operation.

Add any further comments you want (optional)

South Yorkshire Police, the probation service (CRC), the Court Service and Crown Prosecution Service are included with the local authority and other agencies as key partners in the overarching Sheffield First Partnership. This includes the Safer & Sustainable Communities and the Health & Wellbeing Board, which has included autism in its broad range of work. As part of development work with NHS England, local CJS partners were engaged in a bid for an enhanced Court Diversion Service.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM - QUESTION 2

Is access to an appropriate adult service available for people on the Autistic Spectrum in custody suites and nominated 'places of safety'. **Amber**

Please select one of the following answers that most accurately describes the situation

Red	There is not reliable access to an appropriate Adult service
Amber	Yes, but appropriate adults do not necessarily have autism awareness training
Green	Yes and these have all had autism awareness training

Section 10

LOCAL GOOD PRACTICE - QUESTION 1

What are you doing different because of Think Autism – the update to the 2010 Adult Autism Strategy?

Sheffield Adult Autism and Neurodevelopmental Service (SAANS), and the diagnostic pathway, is a significant step change in the identification, diagnosis, support and assessment of people with autism. Previously, it was extremely difficult for people with ASC to access services and support; it relied on GP referrals and individual funding requests, and many people needed to go out of Sheffield for a diagnosis. The commissioning of SAANS has changed this.

LOCAL GOOD PRACTICE - QUESTION 2

If you wish, describe briefly (up to 1500 characters) ONE initiative of your Council, relating to the provision of care for people with Autism, which you think has been successful.

LOCAL GOOD PRACTICE - QUESTION 3

Describe briefly (up to 1500 characters) the initiative of your Council, relating to the provision of care for people with Autism, which people with Autism in your area think has been most successful and helpful.

LOCAL GOOD PRACTICE - QUESTION 4

How is your council planning to spend your Section 31 capital grant of £18,500?

The grant will be used primarily to support the diagnosis, assessment and post-diagnostic support of people with autism. It will fund changes to SAANS that will further enhance the environment in which the service operates to make it more a client-focused. The grant will support SAANS' therapeutic services by funding: sensory quiet waiting area 'Safe Place' particularly for service-users who need a low stimulus environment; art work for the building – linked to the service's art psychotherapy and to reduce the sterile/clinical feel of the building; outside seating area – to reduce anxiety levels and ensure the space is secure out of hours; sensory Garden – linked to the service's occupational therapy and to create a calming environment; occupational therapy equipment – to support assessments and adaptation of the home environment to reduce the impact of sensory processing difficulties; communication assessments – a range of assessments to help people adapt to communication and interaction difficulties, and to learn new strategies; i-pads – demonstration/loan i-pads and apps to support people to plan effectively and prioritise activities; information to service users – better display and accessible information. The grant may also enable the development of other initiatives, linked to the local authority's commissioning innovation plans.

Section 11

OPTIONAL SELF-ADVOCATE ACCOUNTS OF EXPERIENCE - QUESTION 1

Self-Advocate Account 1	
Specify the section to which self-advocate account 1 relates	
Self-Advocate Account 2	
Specify the section to which self-advocate account 2 relates	
Self-Advocate Account 3	
Specify the section to which self-advocate account 3 relates	
Self-Advocate Account 4	
Specify the section to which self-advocate account 4 relates	
Self-Advocate Account 5	
Specify the section to which self-advocate account 5 relates	

Section 12

COMPLETION DETAILS - QUESTION 1

Which of the following types of partner were involved in the completion of this self-assessment?		
Local authority adult social services	Yes	Yes/No
Local authority Dept of Children's services	Yes	Yes/No
Local education authority	No	Yes/No
Health and wellbeing board	No	Yes/No
Local authority public health department	Yes	Yes/No
Clinical Commissioning Group	Yes	Yes/No
Primary Healthcare providers	Yes	Yes/No
Secondary Healthcare providers	Yes	Yes/No
Employment service	No	Yes/No
Police	Yes	Yes/No
Probation service	Yes	Yes/No
Court service	Yes	Yes/No
Local charitable / voluntary / self advocacy / interest groups	Yes	Yes/No
People on the autism spectrum	Yes	Yes/No
Informal carers, family, friends of people on the autistic spectrum	Yes	Yes/No

COMPLETION DETAILS - QUESTION 2

Who signed off this self-assessment?		
Director of Adult Social Services	No	Yes/No
Name of Director of Adult Social Services		
CCG Chief Operating Officer	No	Yes/No
Name of CCG Chief Operating Officer		