

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Report**

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1. Executive Summary

1.1 The purpose of this briefing is to:

Inform the Health and Wellbeing Board on progress made to deliver Hampshire's Autism Strategy for Adults and the completion of the National Autism Strategy Self Assessment Framework

1.2 This briefing seeks to:

- Outline the governance structures in place to support implementation of the Hampshire Autism Strategy and completion of the self assessment
- Highlight the synergy of the Autism Strategy with the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy
- Identify key areas of progress and where additional work is being carried out

2. Context

2.1 Hampshire Autism Partnership Board has an overarching role of overseeing the lifespan approach to autism in Hampshire and is responsible for ensuring the Children's Autism Strategy (part 2 of the Hampshire Autism Strategy) is supported in its development. Board papers, action plan and Strategy can be found on the County Council website: <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/adult-services/carechoice/disability/as-autism/as-autism-strategy-hampshire.htm>

2.2 The Partnership sits within the wider architecture of the Health and Wellbeing Board and reports into the Integrated Commissioning Group (Adults) which leads on the Ageing Well theme of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy. The Autism Strategy supports implementation of all of the themes of the strategy and this is demonstrated in the six workstreams as detailed in 3.2 of this briefing.

3. Hampshire's Autism Strategy

3.1 The Hampshire Autism Partnership Board launched Hampshire's Autism Strategy for Adults in November 2012. To support implementation the governance structures of Hampshire Autism Partnership Board (HAPB) were revised. This resulted in the increased involvement of people with autism, their parents and carers as well as senior representation from HCC Adult Services, Clinical Commissioning Groups, NHS and Adult Services commissioning, education, police, Borough Council (housing), Children's Services, Hampshire Autism Voice.

3.2 To support strategy implementation six workstreams have been established. These are:

- Health & Social Care and Diagnosis
- Education & Training and work
- Carers/Supporting Families and Housing
- Criminal Justice & Safeguarding
- Workforce Development
- Children's Strategy

4. Making progress

4.1 Since the launch of the Strategy progress has been made through workstream actions plans. Work is progressing on a variety of areas including:

- The Autism Alert Programme which supports people and their families who are victims, witnesses or perpetrators of crimes
- Dr Michael White proposal 'Autistic Spectrum Disorder' has become one of the Royal College of General Practitioners three clinical priorities April 2014-March 2017
- 100 social care and health staff have become Autism Champions across Southampton, Hampshire, Isle of Wight and Portsmouth (SHIP)
- Autism representative on the Personalisation Expert Panel and the Carers Partnership Group
- SHIP (Southampton, Hampshire Isle of Wight and Portsmouth) wide commissioning of a Local Autism Directory which is an autism friendly website
- Establishing an 'Autism Alliance'

5. Department of Health's National Autism Strategy Review: September 2013

5.1 The National Autism Strategy was published in 2010 and provided the framework for Hampshire's Autism Strategy for Adults 2012-2015. In February 2012 the Department of Health (DH) required the completion of a baseline survey. The DH is now following up progress by the means of a self assessment.

5.2 Hampshire Autism Partnership Board established a task and finish group to complete the assessment. The group was made up of a variety of partners

including Clinical Commissioning Groups. Different members of the HAPB were requested to provide information and the Task and Finish Group collated responses. A draft self-assessment was then sent to the HAPB for approval so that it could be submitted to the Department of Health.

- 5.3 A copy of the submission is provided as appendix 1.
- 5.4 The submission highlights areas where in Hampshire we are making progress. It also highlights challenges that many areas across England are working on. For instance gathering local data, in relation to identify people with autism/Aspergers, continues to be hard to acquire. This is true not just in Hampshire, but throughout the UK. However work has progressed locally on identifying people using services.
- 5.5 The self assessment provides a snapshot of progress to date. Partners are committed to continue working together to improve the quality of local responses and support people with autism to live full and active lives.

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:**Links to the Corporate Strategy**

Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Maximising well-being:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Enhancing our quality of place:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	

Other Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Date</u>
Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives		
<u>Title</u>		<u>Date</u>
Health and Social Care Act		2012

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

<u>Document</u>	<u>Location</u>
None	

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equalities Impact Assessment:

1.1. Impact of individual workstreams will be assessed as required.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

2.1. The Criminal Justice and Safeguarding workstream has a focus on the 'Autism Alert Programme' which supports people and their families who are victims, witnesses or perpetrators of crimes.

3. Climate Change:

3.1. How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?

Not applicable

3.2. How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?

Not applicable