

REPORT TO: Health and Wellbeing Board
DATE: 15th January 2014
REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director, Communities
PORTFOLIO: Health and Wellbeing
SUBJECT: Autism Self-Assessment Framework 2013
WARD(S) Borough-wide

1.0 **PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1.1 The purpose of the report will be to provide members of the Health and Wellbeing Board with an update of the Autism Self-Assessment Framework 2013.

2.0 **RECOMMENDATION: That the Board note the contents of the report.**

3.0 **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

3.1 Autism Self-Assessment Framework Government passed the Autism Act (2009) with an accompanying Autism Strategy, *Fulfilling and Rewarding Lives* (2010), with publication of statutory guidance for health and social care and full delivery plan in December 2010. Fulfilling and Rewarding Lives, the Government's vision is that "All adults with autism are able to live fulfilling and rewarding lives within a society that accepts and understands them".

Department of Health – local self-assessment for adults with autism for Local Authority's and Clinical Commissioning Groups – for commissioners to plan how they are going to respond to the statutory guidance.

Events at Winterbourne have highlighted the vulnerability of those with Autism who challenge services. The inappropriate use of restrictive practices, the insufficient skills of staff teams that support individual with Autism.

The purpose of the SAF is to:

- Assist Local Authorities and their partners in assessing progress in implementing the 2010 Adult Autism Strategy
- See how much progress has been made since the baseline survey, as at February 2012
- Provide Evidence of examples of good progress made that can be shared and of remaining challenges.

Health Inequalities have been highlighted as a key area that needs to be targeted this includes access to mainstream NHS services:

- Prevention of diseases
- Screening
- Health promoting activities
- Knowing the local Autistic population
- Services available for individuals who are described as having behaviours that challenge services.

3.2 The Autism SAF was submitted on the 30th September 2013 as instructed by the ministerial letter (Appendix B).

The submission was presented:

- To individuals with Autism
- The Autism Strategy Group
- Learning Disability Partnership

The submission will be joint owned by both the Local Authority and Clinical Commissioning Group and is monitored via Autism Strategy Group..

A Joint Strategic Needs Assessment has been completed by Public Health colleagues across the Cheshire and Merseyside Region.

3.3 The Autism SAF has 42 questions based on the below themes. (Appendix A)

The questions focus on specific themes to enable with a comparison to the base line submission in February 2012.

17 questions used a Red, Amber, Green rating this will enable the LA and CCG to focus resources to improve outcomes for individuals.

Key themes Autism SAF 2013

1. Initial questions on local authority area
2. Planning
3. Training
4. Diagnosis
5. Care and Support
6. Housing and Accommodation
7. Employment
8. Criminal Justice Service
9. Optional Self Advocate story - To be completed by individuals with Autism that work with Halton Speak Out.

The Autism SAF 2013 submission

- Red 0
- Amber 5
- Green 12

4.0 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 None

5.0 **OTHER/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 None

6.0 **IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES**

6.1 **Children & Young People in Halton**

Improving the Health and Wellbeing of Children and Young People is a key priority in Halton and will be captured through the Autism SAF, and support future developments and service planning.

6.2 **Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton**

Employment, Learning and Skills is a key determinant of health and wellbeing and is therefore a key consideration when developing and implementing the Autism SAF

6.3 **A Healthy Halton**

All issues outlined in this report focus directly on this priority.

6.4 **A Safer Halton**

The environment in which we live and the physical infrastructure of our communities has a direct impact on health and wellbeing of individuals.

6.5 **Halton's Urban Renewal**

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7.0 **RISK ANALYSIS**

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- Services not meeting the needs of those individuals with Autism.
 - Reputation damage for both the Council and CCG if score is poor.

8.0 **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

8.1 This is in line with all equality and diversity issues in Halton

9.0 **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**