

Meeting: Policy Development and Decision Group

Date: 28 June 2017

Wards Affected: All

Report Title: Autism Self-Assessment Framework 2016 – Position Statement May 2017

Is the decision a key decision? No

When does the decision need to be implemented? Not applicable

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1. Proposal and Introduction

- 1.1 Public Health England's (PHE's) learning disabilities intelligence team issued the autism self-assessment framework (SAF) which measures how local services are performing, as reported by them and their partners.
- 1.2 Autism self-assessments provide councils with benchmarks on how they are meeting quality standard goals towards the government's Adult Autism Strategy. Torbay's Autism SAF was completed in partnership with Torbay and South Devon NHS Foundation Trust, South Devon and Torbay Clinical Commissioning Group and Torbay Autism Partnership Board.
- 1.3 Torbay Council submitted the autism self-assessment framework 2016 to Public Health England, 17 October 2016. The following information provides an update on progress made to date.
- 1.4 Public Health England's autism self-assessment framework focuses on a number of key areas to benchmark against government's Adult Autism Strategy, "Think Autism". Each thematic area consists of a number of questions, all of which are RAG rated; red, amber or green. An overall RAG rating is provided below for ease:

2.2 Overview of action

Thematic Area	Overall RAG Rating from Autism SAF 2016	Achievements	Further Work	Who	When
Planning	A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategic planning performing well. Autism features in JSNA Autism Joint Commissioning Strategy Autism explicit in Market Position Statement. Engagement and consultation of Autism Board arrangements complete. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Governance arrangements for joint Autism and Learning Disability Partnership Board to be finalised and implemented. Ensure consistency of data collection to understand demand 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Torbay Council Torbay South Devon NHS Foundation Trust 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> June 2017 July 2017
Training	R	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multi-agency working group established Training plan in development through Devon Transforming Care Partnership Overview of 3 tier general population awareness to detailed practitioner training developed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detail of suitable training packages to be produced Identification of suitable training providers Develop implementation plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Devon Transforming Care – lead organisation South Devon and Torbay CCG 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> to be confirmed due to staff vacancies.
Diagnosis	R	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activity not yet commenced 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> South Devon and Torbay CCG, Torbay Council and Devon Partnership Trust 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish initial meeting May 2017
Care and Support	A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access to adult social care is through a general point of contact and delivered via integrated teams. Advocacy is provided for people with Autism who are resident in Torbay 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work to be progressed in line with multi-agency training plan Mapping of current support services across voluntary, independent and public sector 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Devon TCP – lead organisation South Devon and Torbay CCG Autism Board 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be confirmed due to staff vacancies To be confirmed following implementation of new governance

		<p>and meet care act eligibility criteria.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carers assessment are offered to carers of people with autism. 	organisations.		arrangements.
Accommodation	A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing requirements for people with autism are specifically mentioned within the Market Position Statement • Housing requirements for people with autism discussed in the Torbay Housing Strategy • An Accommodation with Care and Support Strategy is in its final stages of development. • Supported Living Steering group established. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalise Accommodation with Care and Support Strategy. • Undertake market engagement events with existing and potential new Supported Living providers. • Rolling programme of reviews with Supported Living Providers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Torbay Council / TSDFT • Torbay Council / TSDFT • TSDFT 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 2017 • May – July 2017 • Complete April 2018
Employment	A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following decision in Mayor's Budget Proposal to cease funding Project Search, alternative provision secured through South Devon College and TSDFT. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Aspire (replacement for Project Search) go live. • Establish employment sub-group to map existing provision / undertake gap analysis. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Devon College and TSDFT • Torbay Council lead with partner organisations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commence September 2017 • Initial meeting June 2017
Criminal Justice System	A		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work to be progressed in line with finalisation an implementation of joint Autism / Learning Disability Partnership Board 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Torbay Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 2017

2. Risks

The report notes that progress is being made in a number of areas. Lack of capacity has had an impact on progress made to date. Staff who ordinarily would have been involved in progressing this work both within South Devon and Torbay CCG and Torbay and South Devon NHS Foundation Trust are no longer employed by the respective organisations. Within the local authority capacity has been impacted on by a number of pressing issues.

3. Recommendation(s) / Proposed Decision

3.1 The aim of this report is to provide an update on the submitted autism self-assessment framework 2016. There are no decisions to make at this point in time. However the following actions should be noted:

- Arrangements to be finalised for a joint Autism Board and Learning Disability Partnership Board.
- Establish working relationships with new officers in partner organisations
- Progress development of multi-agency training plan.