
Autism Strategy

14th July 2015



Background: Autism Act 2009

- The Autism Act became law in November 2009.
- Placed responsibilities on the NHS and Local Authorities to have a clear plan for health and social services to meet the needs of adults with autism.
- Developed the Sutton Autism Strategy Framework in October 2013.



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- Increasing awareness and understanding of autism
 - Developing a clear, consistent pathway for diagnosis
 - Improving access for adults with autism to services
 - Helping adults with autism into employment
 - Enabling local partners to develop services to meet need
 - To embed in local planning structure, systems and processes
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Main outcomes we need to demonstrate

Planning & Leadership

- Understanding local data and needs
- What system is in place for identification, data collection to inform effective commissioning
- Population data and analysis in future JSNA

Training and Raising Awareness

- Awareness training across the locality
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Main outcomes we need to demonstrate

Care and Support needs

- What system is in place for identification, data collection of people needing social and health care services
- What services are provided and how effective are they in meeting the needs of people with ASD

Health Diagnosis Assessment Pathway

- What system/process is in place for identification, data collection of people needing social and health care services
 - What services are provided and how effective are they in meeting the needs of people with ASD
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Main outcomes we need to demonstrate

Housing and Accommodation

- What is in place to demonstrate housing needs of people with ASD?
- Are they involved in housing strategy and planning?

Employment

- What support is available to people with ASD to gain employment, help with well being?

Criminal Justice System

- What support is available to people with ASD in local police stations, courts, probation team and what is being done to avoid people ending up in prisons?
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Self Assessment Framework

Have reasonable adjustments been made to council services to improve access and support people with autism

Green Score	Amber Score	Red Score*
<p data-bbox="423 647 819 999">There is a clear council policy covering reasonable adjustments to statutory and wider public services which makes specific references to Autism</p> <p data-bbox="423 1050 819 1358">Demonstrate evidence of how the council and locality wide implementation of this policy in relation to the needs of people with Autism</p>	<p data-bbox="844 647 1240 999">There is a clear council policy covering reasonable adjustments to statutory and wider public services which makes specific references to Autism</p>	<p data-bbox="1267 647 1529 730">Only anecdotal examples</p>

Self Assessment Framework

Have reasonable adjustments been promoted to enable people with autism to access public services

Green Score	Amber Score*	Red Score
<p>There is evidence of implementation of reasonable adjustments for people with autism in a wide range of publicly provided and commercial public services.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Only anecdotal examples</p>

Support from the Forum

- Comment on the Council wide policy and provide evidence that may support the self assessment
 - Comment on the action plan
 - Promote through our own organisations
 - Promote an awareness campaign
 - Contribute to an appropriate training plan
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