
Update on Joint Leicester Leicestershire and Rutland Autism Strategy Development

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Background

- The existing LLR Autism Strategy ends on March 31st This is a joint health and social care strategy developed by partners including;
 - Leicester City Council, Users and Carers, Leicester Partnership Trust, The Monday Club, Translate, The Autism Carers Group, The three LLR Clinical Commissioning Groups, Leicestershire County and Rutland County Councils
- Local Authorities are legally required to produce a strategy. Current Legislation includes
 - Autism Act (2009), Think Autism – National Strategy (2014) Statutory Guidance (2015) Think Autism Refresh (2018)
- The Autism Partnership board have developed a Autism Strategy that will run from April 1st 2019 until March 31st 2022

National Strategy and Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Priorities

- The refreshed national strategy 'Think Autism' (2018) focuses on five Key areas:
 - Measuring, Understanding & Reporting of Autistic People
 - Workforce Development
 - Health, Care, and Wellbeing
 - Specific Support for work and education opportunities
 - Participation in local community
- The LLR Strategic priorities, which reflect the national strategy, are:
 - Planning, data, performance and intelligence
 - Training design, delivery and audit
 - Diagnosis, post diagnostic support
 - Care and support, co production
 - Reasonable Adjustments and accessing housing, employment, and education

Consulting on the Strategy

- Strategy Development Timeline:
 - October / November 2018 Develop Consultation Materials
 - November / December 2018 Sign off of strategy and consultation across health and social care partners
 - January to the end of March 2019 Consultation
 - April 2019 consultation report findings, and further strategy development
 - May 2019 Launch of 2019/22 strategy and action plan
- Targeted Consultation will include:
 - The Monday club, The Autism Carers Group, The Learning Disability Partnership Board, The Mental Health Partnership Board
- There will be opportunity for consultation with wider groups using the consultation hub and holding consultation events.

Update on Joint Leicester City Health and Social Care Autism Self Assessment Framework (SAF)

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- The department of health and social care (DoHSC) have launched the National Autism Self Assessment Framework (SAF) to measure compliance with the Autism Act. This is a regular assurance exercise.
- Previous SAF returns were completed in 2012,2013,2014 and 2016.
- Adult social care commissioning staff were part of the team that tested and developed the SAF Tool 2018
- The SAF will look at the how the Autism Act has been implemented in the following areas:
 - Planning, Training, Diagnosis, Care and Support, Housing and Accommodation, Employment, Criminal Justice Systems
- This is non mandatory however only two authorities in England did not complete in 2016.
- The Department of health and social care publish the results in national report

2018 SAF

- All local authorities must lead on the coordination of data collection and ensure the submission is signed off by the Health and Wellbeing Board before submission to the Department of health.
- The Clinical Commissioning Groups are responsible for all health related data and must provide this to the Local Authority.
- The SAF responses will be RAG rated – the criteria for each question is set however
 - Red, means non compliant
 - Amber - part compliant
 - Green - Fully compliant
- These ratings provide an understanding of how effectively the region has embedded the Autism Act across social care and health.
- We will use the SAF to identify areas that need to be improved. These areas will be incorporated into the Autism Strategy Delivery Plan.

Completion and Sign Off

- The proposed timeline to allow for leadership to monitor progress and signing off final submission:
 - 24th September – DoH launched SAF
 - 25th September - Leadership briefing
 - 10th October - Lead Member Briefing
 - 16th October – ASC commission Briefing
 - 23rd October - Autism Partnership board progress report
 - 6th November – Social Care and Education Leadership Team
 - 7th November - Regional Autism leads meeting
 - 14th November – Lead Member Briefing
 - 16th November - extraordinary Autism board / Sign off
 - 22nd November - Health and Wellbeing Board sign off .
 - 6th December - ASC Scrutiny Briefing
 - 10th December - Submission