



Adult Social Care Autism and Neurodiversity Delivery Plan 2024-2026

For Consideration by:
Adult Social Care Scrutiny Commission

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Useful information

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1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To present, seek feedback and endorsement on the new 'Leicester City Adult Social Care Autism and Neurodiversity Delivery Plan 2024-2026.'
- 1.2 To provide an update on progress since presenting the last Autism report to the Scrutiny Commission in 2024.
- 1.3 To seek approval on the suggested recommendations and proposed next steps.

2. Summary

- 1.1. This report follows on from a detailed report brought to LMB and the Scrutiny Commission last year entitled, 'Understanding the growing needs of autistic adults being diagnosed and the possible impact on Leicester City Council's Adult Care (ASC) team.'
- 1.2. A wide range of work has taken place to look at how we respond locally to the refreshed all-age national autism strategy, as a city council as well as across the system.
- 1.3. Leicester City Council is an active partner in the LLR Learning Disability and Autism (LDA) Collaborative, which has led to focused pieces of work to benchmark our LDA services and support for people with a learning disability and/or autism.
- 1.4. Further autism-specific engagement and consultation with key stakeholders took place in November 2024, to prioritise and sense-check themes identified.
- 1.5. This report is now to present a 'Leicester City Adult Social Care, Autism and Neurodiversity Delivery Plan 2024-2026.'
- 1.6. The Delivery Plan currently has six overarching workstreams as follows:

- **Improving knowledge and understanding of autism and neurodiversity in Leicester city**
- **Improving the quality and access to information, advice and support related to autism and neurodiversity**
- **Improving opportunities for autistic and neurodivergent people to gain and maintain meaningful employment and other activities**
- **Supporting public places to be more accessible and autism/neurodiversity friendly**
- **Working with partners to reduce health inequalities – keeping mentally and physically healthy**
- **Working with partners to make local public transport more accessible for autistic and neurodivergent people**

1.7. The purpose of expanding this Delivery Plan is to achieve better outcomes for both people with neurodiverse conditions and for autistic people, as well as ensuring that the services and support we deliver are sensitive to the diverse needs of autistic and neurodivergent people.

1.8. The first step towards achieving this is greater understanding of the needs of people who require ASC support who may also have neurodivergent conditions. Therefore, work will be undertaken on data collection to develop a needs assessment as well as benchmarking work with other Local Authorities and partners to inform our decision making. Commissioners will work with families and people with lived experience to understand the scale of the work, opportunities, risks and issues and what can be reasonably achieved in this delivery plan.

3. Recommendations

The Scrutiny Commission is asked to note and/or approve the following:

- 1.9. To seek feedback and endorsement on the 'Adult Autism and Neurodiversity Delivery Plan 2024-2026' and the six associated workstreams.
- 1.10. For work to continue in the six priority areas, working with colleagues and people with lived experience across health and social care to achieve the desired outcomes.

- 1.11. Note the intention to expand the scope of the Delivery Plan to include achievable outcomes for people who have other neurodiverse conditions such as ADHD.
- 1.12. To note that the Autism/ND Delivery Plan will be shared at LLR Autism Partnership Board, Leicester City's Learning Disability Partnership Board, the Mental Health Partnership Board, the LLR LDA Collaborative Delivery and Transformation Group.

2. Report/Supporting information including options considered:

Background to the autism-focused work and previous reports:

- 2.1. A report was written and presented to LMB and our ASC Scrutiny Commission following a request to understand the impact on ASC in Leicester of the growing numbers of autistic adults (18+) being diagnosed.
- 2.2. This report summarised and analysed the available evidence around both prevalence and actual diagnostic rates of autistic adults (18+) in Leicester City, alongside our own ASC data in relation to those in receipt of support.
- 2.3. The report addressed how the impact is being felt, and the potential implications for social care and autistic people. It highlighted opportunities to further strengthen our work with partners around the current and prospective work taking place in relation to autistic adults.
- 2.4. The report included a series of recommendations which could help address some of the impact to adult social care.
- 2.5. One such recommendation was to formulate a 'Leicester City Adult Social Care Adult Autism Delivery Plan.'

Summary of previous consultation, engagement and co-production:

- 2.6. A range of consultation, engagement, and coproduction activity has taken place in Leicester City, some in collaboration with other partners across LLR, which has looked to understand and address the needs of local autistic people, their parents/carers and family members. A summary of key activity is provided below.
- 2.7. In collaboration with Leicestershire County Council, a short-term health-funded project called 'Every Voice Counts' sought to understand the autism post-diagnostic support being offered to adults across Leicester City and Leicestershire. People taking part in this project were self-selecting by responding to a wide range of publicity materials, including mainstream media outlets.

- 2.8. Following the publication of the [national strategy](#) for autistic children, young people and adults in July 2021, an internal self-assessment exercise was completed by each of the LLR Local Authorities and NHS Leicestershire Partnership Trust.
- 2.9. Leicester City Council Adult Social Care engaged with the LDA Collaborative's LLR Autism Champion to speak to people with lived experience living within the city, about their experience of receiving support from adult social care.
- 2.10. An autism-specific small charity called The Monday Club was cited by people with lived experience as a valued local service. This is a service that runs social activities for autistic adults who live in Leicester city and county. Feedback was sought from club members and their family members to understand from their perspective why they attended and what they valued about the club.
- 2.11. Further engagement and consultation took place in November 2024, to sense check emerging themes identified through previous consultation and engagement exercises, identify any further gaps and to assist in prioritising the feedback gathered.
- 2.12. An initial workshop was attended by representatives from the ASC Learning Disability and Adult Mental Health Social Work Teams and the manager of the Enablement Team / Supported Employment Service. Detailed feedback was also gathered from a representative of Leicester City Council's 'Making it Real' Coproduction Group.
- 2.13. The second involved visiting The Monday Club to seek the perspectives of people with lived experience, in a familiar comfortable environment.
- 2.14. The workshops utilised methodology used by Social Care Futures for the Leicester City Council 'Leading Better Lives' to collate, evaluate and prioritise the feedback collected. All information gathered has been anonymised.
- 2.15. This has enabled us to identify six key areas for the 'Adult Autism/ Neurodiversity Delivery Plan 2024-2026' on which to focus initially. The plan is for each of these six areas to form separate workstreams for the commissioning team to co-ordinate and oversee.
- 2.16. The Leicester City Participation Service and the newly formed Leicester Voices Together, as well as the LLR Autism Partnership Board will provide effective mechanisms to provide feedback and insight from people with lived experience on the delivery plan and its progress.

- 2.17. Strong links have been forged with neighbourhoods and local communities across the city through the 'Leading Better Lives Project.' Colleagues from across the city council housing, transport and neighbourhood teams are committed to reaching as many people in Leicester as possible and there are four action plans in development to achieve this.
- 2.18. The Autism/ND project delivery group will partner up with and work closely with the 'Leading Better Lives' working group to ensure efficient use of resources and reaching those communities that need support the most.

Understanding our neurodivergent citizens:

- 2.19. To improve our strategic data collation and analysis to further understand the needs of neurodivergent and autistic adults, a revised Joint Strategic Needs Assessment was requested. The commissioning team have worked in partnership to support the work of our public health colleagues to lead on this work. The LDA Collaborative Health Inequity group have been the steering group, which has enabled health colleagues to share key information to be included within the new JSNA Chapter, such as health screening and vaccinations.
- 2.20. A new draft JSNA Chapter has been written which focuses on Learning Disability and/or autism, defining these new chapters through the lens of health Inequity. A final report is expected in April 2025.
- 2.21. Once published, the new JSNA chapter on Learning Disabilities and/or Autism will provide the intelligence needed to accurately identify these priority groups, with it having a Health Inequity focus.
- 2.22. The recent closure of ADHD Solutions at the end of December 2024, has left a gap in support and services to children, adults and families across LLR. ADHD Solutions CIC was a very highly regarded service supporting children and adults across Leicester City, Leicestershire and Rutland.
- 2.23. In the absence of a dedicated replacement service the City Council Commissioners are working at pace with partners in the ICB, County, Rutland and Leicestershire Partnership Trust's assessment diagnostic and treatment service to identify a suitable solution which will fill the gap left by ADHD solutions. This work has now been incorporated into the Delivery Plan so that it can be reported on, developed and scrutinised as part of this workstream. It is hoped that this will also be a creative and innovative opportunity in how we support people with ADHD to have a greater impact by working directly with the ADHD community in the region.

Outcomes achieved so far:

- 2.24. Raising the profile of The Monday Club by inviting the manager to speak at the LDA Collaborative, highlighted the continued need by its members and parents/carers. This led to the ICB part funding the club for this current financial year 2024-25.
- 2.25. Figures to date for Leicester City Council's Adult Social Care team attending the Oliver McGowan Learning Disability and Autism Mandatory Training are as follows - 56% of staff have attended Tier 1 training and 72% of staff have attended Tier 2 training.
- 2.26. The LDA Supported Employment Team have received extra funding, which has enabled them to recruit two additional members of staff.
- 2.27. The LLR Suicide Prevention Strategy has been refreshed to align with the new national strategy and went out to consultation, ending in December 2024. Autism is now highlighted as a priority group within this newly refreshed local strategy.

Proposed next steps:

- 2.28. An Equality Impact Assessment is being developed to guide and reinforce the direction of the Autism /ND Delivery Plan, to ensure that we are addressing the needs of autistic and neurodivergent people across all communities in the city.
- 2.29. Separate delivery groups will be set up for each of the workstreams in the plan, coordinated by the commissioning team to track progress, identify any issues/risks/gaps. There is a commitment for this work to be undertaken with stakeholders, partners, people with lived experience and their families and carers.
- 2.30. It has been agreed that as a system, LLR will adapt the [national strategy](#) for autistic children, young people and adults in July 2021 and all partners are developing their own delivery plans.
- 2.31. Colleagues from the LDA Collaborative plan to co-design an autism focused survey to understand the wider perspectives and experiences of autistic people, family members/unpaid carers and local professionals. Leicester City commissioners are active partners in co-designing this survey.
- 2.32. The survey will be co-produced with people with Lived Experience and distributed through local networks including the LLR Autism Partnership Board, Leicester City Council's commissioned 'Participation Groups,' the LDA

Collaborative's Engagement and Coproduction Group, the Leicestershire Autistic Society and other VCSE organisations, Parent/Carer Groups and participants from previous engagement and consultation exercises.

- 2.33. The survey will be designed to enable feedback received to be divided by demographics, including geographical location.
- 2.34. This source of valuable insight from local people will feed into the 'Adult Autism/Neurodiversity Delivery Plan 2024-2026'
- 2.35. The LLR Autism survey questions will be brought to LMB for their feedback and to seek their approval before it is circulated.
- 2.36. Commissioners will also explore the opportunity to build on the workstream: **Supporting public places to be more accessible and autism/neurodiversity friendly**, and work with internal and external partners to take forward the aspiration of Leicester City working towards becoming an 'Autism and Neurodivergent Friendly City' following feedback from the Lead Member and Strategic Director when presenting this report to LMB. This will initially involve benchmarking against other cities in the UK to understand possible approaches and resources involved.

5. Financial, legal and other implications

5.1 Financial implications

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. If plans are made in future to commit expenditure then due process will have to be followed to identify funding first.

Mohammed Irfan, Head of Finance. 28/02/2025

5.2 Legal implications

I can confirm that there are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

Susan Holmes, Head of Law, Social Care & Safeguarding. 7/02/2025

5.3 Climate Change and Carbon Reduction implications

There is no significant climate emergency implications associated with this report.

Duncan Bell, Change Manager (Climate Emergency). Ext. 37 2249.

5.4 Equalities Implications

Under the Equality Act 2010, public authorities have a Public-Sector Equality Duty (PSED) which means that, in carrying out their functions, they have a statutory duty to pay due regard to the need to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation, to advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who don't and to foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who don't.

Protected Characteristics under the Equality Act 2010 are age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation.

The report seeks endorsement on the 'Adult Autism/ND Delivery Plan 2024-2026' and the six associated workstreams. Autism is a lifelong developmental condition which affects how people communicate and interact with the world. Autism affects people of all ages, ethnicities and genders. It is important to recognise that not all autistic people see themselves as disabled. Inequalities experienced because of autism may interact with discrimination and barriers based on other protected characteristics. Reduction in health inequalities and improved health access can lead to improved quality of life for people and communities from across all protected characteristics.

An Equality Impact Assessment will be written to run alongside the Autism Delivery Plan, to ensure that we are addressing the needs of autistic people across all wards, with a focus on reaching areas of deprivation. It is important that any consultation and engagement is accessible.

Equalities Officer, Surinder Singh, Ext 374148

5.5 Other Implications (You will need to have considered other implications in preparing this report. Please indicate which ones apply?)

N/A

6. Background information and other papers:

7. Summary of appendices:

- Appendix 1 - Adult Autism/ND Delivery Plan 2024-2026

8. Is this a private report (If so, please indicated the reasons and state why it is not in the public interest to be dealt with publicly)?

No

9. Is this a “key decision”?

No

10. If a key decision please explain reason

In determining whether it is a key decision you will need consider if it is likely:

- to result in the Council incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the Council’s budget for the service or function to which the decision relates.
- to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working *in two or more wards in the City*.

Expenditure or savings will be regarded as significant if:

- (a) In the case of additional recurrent revenue expenditure, it is not included in the approved revenue budget, and would cost in excess of £0.5m p.a.;
- (b) In the case of reductions in recurrent revenue expenditure, the provision is not included in the approved revenue budget, and savings of over £0.5m p.a. would be achieved;
- (c) In the case of one off or capital expenditure, spending of over £1m is to be committed on a scheme that has not been specifically authorised by Council.

In deciding whether a decision is significant you need to take into account:

- Whether the decision may incur a significant social, economic or environmental risk.
- The likely extent of the impact of the decision both within and outside of the City.
- The extent to which the decision is likely to result in substantial public interest
- The existence of significant communities of interest that cannot be defined spatially.

		Delivery subgroups Feb 25 -vulnerable groups includes autism											
6	Using public transport locally, especially buses	Initial meetings with LCC team and Participation groups winter 2024											

What we will do (objective)	How we will do this (task)	Who	Goal / target		
			Short term – 6 months	Medium Term – 12 months	Long term – 1-2 years
1. Improving autism understanding and knowledge within Leicester City.					
Lived experience perspective: Autistic people felt that knowledge across a wide range of people needing improving. They included health and social care professionals, colleagues, educational staff, shop workers, friends and family. Autistic adults in receipt of support from adult social care, via Adult Mental Health Teams felt that autism knowledge was limited.					
1a. Oliver McGowan LDA Mandatory Training across Health and Social Care – started in LLR August 2023	-Attend fortnightly steering group meetings -Promote co-trainer EBE opportunities and put forward people who are interested in delivering Tier 1 +2 training -Advertise to city council providers, when possible, via contracts team.	-L+D Lead with support from OMMT Co-Ordinator, Contracts and commissioning team.	-KPI set by NHSE 10% NHS staff to complete Tier 1 or 2 training by March 2024 -KPI set by NHSE 30% NHS staff to complete Tier 1 or 2 training by March 2025		
1b. Autism Space webpages to contain information relevant to professionals in health and social care supporting autistic adults.	-Share information pertaining to LCC and Adult Social Care with LPT Digital Team to include on Autism Space -Support the secondment of an LCC staff member to develop webpages to include LA information.	-LPT Digital Team -LCC HR -Commissioning Team	-Information shared to be included on Autism Space webpages - ongoing -Funding identified for LCC part-time role		

1c. LLR Autism Partnership Board share people with lived experience personal experiences	-Leicester City Council Participation Contract employs an autistic local leader to co-chair the autism board and present the perspectives from the Autism Advocacy Group -Expert by Experience presents at every autism board meeting	-LLR Autism Partnership Board Planning Group members -LCC Commissioning Team	-LLR Autism Partnership Board is co-chaired by an autistic person, who co-ordinates the Autism Advocacy Group -Participation Contract extended and being reviewed		
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2. Looking for reliable, consistent autism and neurodiversity related information, advice and support.					
Lived experience perspective: Autism Space webpages has reliable, local information in one place and is very popular. Some people got advice from staff at the places they visited (for example, college and The Monday Club staff) Some autistic people need non-web based information and support and wanted to talk to a real person. A wide range of communication methods is required.					
2a. Promotion of Autism Space webpages across citizens in Leicester City.	-Promotional plan to target key audiences and best method. -Include autistic people. internal and external staff, parents/carers, frontline SW Teams, city council customer facing offices - Support LPT colleagues to share LCC information on Autism Space webpages -Support LPT to employ a council worker to develop information on Adult Social Care.	-Commissioning Team -Public Health -City Council	-Promotional plan written and key audiences have been targeted Inc Contact and Response Team Jan 25.		

2b. Autism specific peer-to-peer support group enabled to continue to share information advice and support to club members. The Monday Club requires support and long-term sustainable funding source.	-Complete an engagement exercise to understand the benefits and outcomes achieved by club members and parent/carers. Include data analysis re demand, referral rate, attendance -Share findings with LDA Collaborative and seek support/funding	-LDA Collaborative -Commissioning Team -LCC Public Health	-ICB currently funds The Monday Club until March 2025		
2c. Development of a short- and medium-term replacement service for ADHD Solutions CIC					
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3. Supporting more autistic adults to gain and maintain meaningful employment and other activities in the daytime					
Lived experience perspective: All autistic people who were consulted, who were in receipt of support from adult social care via Adult Mental Health Teams were seeking advice and support to access meaningful daytime activity including volunteering and employment. The Autism Advocacy Participation Group raise this as a priority at the LLR Autism Partnership Board.					
3a. Support the promotion of the LCC Supported Employment (SE) Team. Started Feb 2023, manager recruited April 2023.	- Promotion at the LLR Autism Partnership Board - Promotion on Autism Space webpages - Recruitment of an EBE to support job fayres, training to employers, role model to employees	-LCC Supported Employment Manager -Employment Hub -DWP -Support from commissioning team	-KPI 68 people signed up to SE by May 2024 - 30% gain employment by March 2025. -Increased number of Disability Confident Employers -Increased scores on annual audit completed	-2 additional job coaches in role 08/24 and 09/24	

	-Support with recruitment of two additional Job Coach roles.		by British Association of Supported Employment (BASE) -Collaboration with OMMT co-trainers for employment opportunities		
3b. Increased use of assistive technology including Brain-in-Hand application (BiH) and NHS Joy App.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gather data and research about BiH preventative offer for neurodiverse individuals including those who are autistic. Provide data from LCC. -Put forward as a pilot to the ASC City Council Savings Team. -Identify ASC Teams to support roll-out of pilot and direct support to individuals -Decide number of transferable licenses to be purchased -Identify ND/autistic individuals. -Reported use of BiH -Increased independence -Reduction of Job Coach hours being required -Maintain employment 	LCC Supported Employment Manager with support from commissioning team. LCC Projects Team.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Accepted by LCC Savings Team as Pilot 07/24 -BiH Demo shared with teams 10/24 -Teams identified to put forward individuals 11/24 		
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4. Community accessibility – supporting places to be accessible and ‘autism friendly’					
Lived experience perspective: Many autistic people described feeling isolated and lonely. They found places inaccessible and overloaded their senses. LGBTQ+ organisations/spaces often not available or accommodating for autistic people. Examples of good practice where people were able to participate and felt included were peer-led or peer-to-peer led social groups.					

<p>4a. Increase the number of organisations signing up to be a Mental Health Friendly Place (MHFP) – launched in LLR October 2023</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Autistic people recommending organisations to sign up to MHFP who are autism-friendly -Promotion of MHFP to autistic people -Support and training on Autism/ND to be offered to MHFP organisations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Public Health with support from commissioning team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -110 organisations signed up to MHFP (Jan 2025) -Review training required of organisations. Autism/ND highlighted. 		
<p>4b. Improve the accessibility of the Neighbourhood Mental Health Café to neurodivergent people.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Data collection to understand current visitor demographics -Provide resources to staff including sensory items -Offer autism training to providers -Visit cafes with an Expert by Experience to audit experience -Focus groups planned April 25 to receive feedback from people using/not using cafes. -Implement changes to make cafes more accessible to neurodivergent people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -MH Neighbourhood Lead, LPT with support from Expert by Experience and Commissioning Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Data collected on numbers of neurodiverse people visiting cafes starting April 2024 -Data on ND sub-divided into ND categories Dec 2024 -All cafes to include how to get to location to reduce barriers 		
<p>4c. Raise awareness of Sunflower Lanyards, Safe places and Autism Alert Cards.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Promotion through Autism Webpages -Promotion through LLR Autism Partnership Board and wider organisations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -LPT Digital Team -LLR Autism Partnership Board Planning Group members Monday Club staff 			
<p>4d. More LGBTQ+ organisations/spaces to be available, accessible and welcoming to neurodivergent/autistic people.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Identified local gap for autistic/ND adults -Contact Trade Sexual Health to discuss need 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Trade Sexual Health -Public Health 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -New NeuroQueer monthly peer-led social and support group started. 30 ppl on mailing list. -Promote through Autism Space, Autism Partnership Board, 		

			Monday Club and other networks		
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5. Understanding and improving health inequalities for autistic and neurodivergent people in Leicester					
Lived experience perspective: Autistic people shared their negative experiences with health professionals and healthcare settings. People had mixed experiences with GPs. Some people experienced long waiting lists for autism assessment and diagnosis.					
5.0 – Request a refreshed JSNA Chapter to focus on Learning Disabilities, LD and Autism and Autism with no LD.	-Last JSNA to focus on LD and LD and Autism was in 2016 -We need to separate out autistic people with no LD to understand this cohort of people -Request for refreshed JSNA submitted by commissioning team autumn 2023 -P/H staff identified to proceed	-Leicester City Public Health -LDA Collaborative Health Inequity -LLR LPT and ICB -LCC commissioning Team	-Draft JSNA written 09/24 -Final report due 04/25		
5.1- LLR Social Care Healthy Weight working group	-Support an ASC Healthy Weight Training Needs Analysis -Support the development of a strength-based language toolkit -Consider opportunities to embed messages into OMMT for professionals working with people with LDA -Promote good practice and training to neighbourhood lead -Ensure people with LDA are considered in aspects of this work	-Leicester City Public Health -LPT Dietician -Commissioning Teams	-Sharing ASC strength language guide -Including under-weight in project focus -Designed and circulated Training Needs Analysis		

5.2 -LLR Suicide Prevention Strategy Refresh– Autism is an identified priority group within refreshed national strategy	-Reflect the national strategy locally and include autism as a priority group in the LLR strategy	-Public Health -LLR health and social care steering group -LCC commissioning Team	-Provided advice re strength-based terminology used re autism in strategy -Provided advice re ND definitions and terminology -Ensure strategy consultation is circulated to autism groups and update provided to Autism partnership board Dec 24. -Links made with LeDeR team re Autism notifications		
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6. Making local public transport accessible for autistic and neurodivergent people, focusing on local bus services					
Lived experience perspective: Some autistic people were not able to drive for a number of reasons and solely relied on public transport. Many people reported not being able to get a bus pass, whilst others felt that the bus drivers didn't understand autism and needed more knowledge. Some taxi drivers would not allow assistance dogs to be in the vehicle.					
6a. Transport staff to understand challenges faced by autistic people when using buses in Leicester City.	--Identify leads within LCC Transport Dept. -Raise awareness of national autism guidance and issues experienced by autistic people. -Link to Autism Experts by Experience regional and	-Commissioning team, LLR Autism PB, EBE with autism and transport expertise.	-LCC Transport Dept to meet Autism EBE and commissioner to raise awareness of issues experienced locally. -LCC Transport Team to complete OMMT e-		

	national examples of good practice.		Learning and Tier 1 training		
6b.	-Project plan to focus on accessibility of Leicester city bus service for autistic people.	-Commissioning team, LLR Autism PB, EBE with autism and transport expertise.	-Good practice regionally and nationally identified		

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