

Leicester City Autism Self-Assessment 2016



What we are checking



The Autism Self-Assessment Framework is a list of questions that help to check how local services are doing for people with Autism and their families.

There are seven areas that we are checking

- How things are Planned
- Training people
- Diagnosis and health support
- Care and support
- Housing and Accommodation
- Employment
- Criminal Justice System



and examples of local activity

- New things happening
- What you and your carers think

RAG Rating



- **How good is the support that people are getting**
- For each question we had to decide if we were
 - Red – need to do a lot better
 - Amber – doing Ok, but could do more
 - Green – things are working well
- We were given an explanation of what we needed to have to be red, amber or green.

Autism Self-Assessment scoring

This is how we scored:

- In 12 areas we are good
- In 16 areas we are okay and need to do more
- In 3 areas we are poor and need to do a lot more work.

Last time there were only 20 areas, this time there are 33 areas, so it is difficult to compare them.

People on the Autistic Spectrum and their carers also shared their stories to show how what we are doing supports them.

We already have plans in place to show how we will improve on the areas we are not so good at and how we will build on the areas we are good at.

This is how we scored

		Poor	OK	Good
Planning	11	0	7	4
Training	2	0	0	2
Diagnosis	9	3	2	4
Care & support	4	0	4	0
Housing	1	0	0	1
Employment	2	0	2	0
Criminal Justice system	2	0	1	1

Areas where we are good

- Partnership work - working together with Clinical Commissioning Group, Leicestershire Partnership Trust and other Local Authorities
- Involving people - working with users and carers for planning
- Training
- Diagnostic pathway
- Housing and accommodation
- Information sharing
- Joint Strategic Needs Assessment
- Working with the Police

Areas where we can do better

- Planning for future services
- Communication and Assessing peoples needs
- Information & data quality
- Advocacy
- Employment
- Support and access
- Preparing for adult hood
- Reasonable adjustments
- Criminal justice system – raise awareness / train staff, in courts, prison and probation

Areas we are not good

- We need to know more about women with autism
- We need to know more about older people with autism
- Access to a range of mental health support post diagnosis and when in hospital.
- Access to psychology support (MH)
- Access to occupational therapy support (MH)
- Access to speech and language therapy support (MH)

Areas for development for Autism

- It is difficult to collect some data and information from different organisations which do not match. The quality and quantity of data and information affects the ability to properly understand and use it.
- Post diagnostic support in Adult Mental Health – A business case was first presented by Leicestershire Partnership Trust to the Clinical Commissioning Group in 2014. There is currently no service in place, and no decision has been reached yet.
- Knowing our people and how autism affects them and their loved ones, eg: women, older people and people from different BME groups
- Understand autism support needs within the criminal justice system

The future – things to do

- Get better at recording and being able to analyse data and information from partners
- Make sure there is a range of support services available for every one after diagnosis
- Improve knowledge within the courts, probation and prison service
- Meet with specific groups of people to understand their experiences and needs
- We will update the action plan to show how we will make things better on the areas where we have not done so well in the Self-Assessment.