

## Report to Rutland Health and Wellbeing Board

**Report No. 268-2013**

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Autism Strategy Self Assessment</b>
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<b>Paper for:</b>	<b>Note</b>

### **Context, including links to strategic objectives and/or strategic plans:**

This report links to the following strategic aims of Rutland County Council:

- Creating a brighter future for all
- Meeting the health and wellbeing needs of the community

This report provides members of the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) with information about the National Autism Strategy Self Assessment.

### **Background**

The Autism Act 2009 required that local authorities and local health bodies work together to improve on supporting the needs of adults with autism.

The Government published an autism strategy in March 2010 entitled "*Fulfilling and rewarding lives*" followed by statutory guidance for local authorities and NHS organisations in December 2010.

The priority areas are:

- a) Training of staff who provide services to adults with autism
- b) Identification and diagnosis of autism in adults, leading to assessment of needs for relevant services
- c) Planning in relation to the provision of services to people with autism as they move from being children to adults
- d) Local planning and leadership in relation to the provision of services for adults with autism

Rutland has been a member of the LLR Autism Strategy Group since 2010. A joint action plan is in place.

### **The Self Assessment**

In 2011, local authorities were required to submit a self assessment to the Department of Health describing their progress against the requirements of the statutory guidance. A further self assessment exercise was issued in August 2013 which Rutland completed and submitted to Public Health England on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2013.

The Self Assessment has been discussed at both the Learning Disability Partnership Board and the Complex Needs sub group of the HWB.

Areas of the Self Assessment which have been identified as requiring development will be incorporated into the LLR Autism Strategy Group Action Plan. The Complex Needs sub group will monitor progress.

A copy of the Self Assessment is provided at Appendix A.

### **Going forward**

This formal review of progress against the strategy is an opportunity for the Government to assess the objectives of the Strategy and consider what needs to happen to make sure progress continues.

The investigative stage of the review will last until the end of October 2013 with a revised strategy to be published in March 2014.

### **Financial implications:**

NA

### **Recommendations:**

It is recommended that the Health and Wellbeing Board:

- (a) Notes the content of the Self Assessment

### **Strategic Lead:**

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### **Risk assessment:**

<b>Time</b>	L	The Self Assessment has been completed and returned
<b>Viability</b>	L	The Self Assessment has been completed and returned
<b>Finance</b>	L	No implications anticipated
<b>Profile</b>	M	The profile of quality Learning Disability and Autism service provision has increased recently as a result of the abuse sustained at Winterbourne View
<b>Equality &amp; Diversity</b>	M	No adverse impact anticipated