

Report to Rutland Health and Wellbeing Board

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| Subject: | Autism Joint Self-Assessment Framework 2014/15 |
| Meeting Date: | 1st Sept 2015 |
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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 Framework (SAF) which was submitted to Public Health England in March 2015.

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 Act was followed by a national strategy (*Fulfilling and Rewarding Lives*) and statutory guidance for local authorities and NHS organisations. The self-assessment includes the priorities set out in '*Think Autism*', the update to the national strategy published in 2014.

The purpose of the self-assessment is to enable local areas to review their progress against the strategy and support future planning with partners including people with autism and their families. The self-assessment is also a key means of identifying progress across the country which the Government has a duty to monitor. The information provided will be analysed by the Public Health England Learning Disabilities Observatory and will help in this process.

The Self-Assessment (SAF)

The SAF is divided into 10 main sections under the following headings:

1. Introduction
2. Planning
3. Training
4. Diagnosis
5. Care & Support
6. Accommodation
7. Employment
8. Criminal Justice System

9. Local good practice
10. Self-Advocate experiences

There are a mixture of RAG rated questions, data responses and narrative required to complete the SAF.

Whilst the Local Authority is tasked with the consolidation of the return as the lead body locally, delivery against the framework is a multi-agency responsibility.

2014 Rutland SAF

Rutland County Council worked closely with the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland (LLR) CCG's and Local Authorities in completing the SAF. The SAF analysis shows that Rutland is doing very well in 12 areas such as:

- Working together across CCG's, police LPT and Local Authorities – a new LLR Autism Partnership board has been established. This board will provide a multi-agency oversight to the implementation of the Statutory Guidance and the 2015 LLR Adult Autism Strategy. The LLR Adult Autism Strategy was developed from information provided in the SAF reports of all 3 LLR LAs
- Planning together with people who have autism and their families. Carers of people who have autism are offered an assessment
- Rutland have a JSNA
- In LLR there is an agreed diagnostic pathway
- Young people with autism are supported into adulthood
- There is an independent Advocacy service available

In the following areas Rutland needs to do more:

- Improve the information on people who have autism and the quality of data received from education, children and adults social care, CCGs
- More reasonable adjustments made to Council, health and public services for people with autism, including awareness training, training in communication skills and how to assess people with autism
- Identify older people and women with autism in Rutland
- Support people with autism into employment and provide local housing options

The following areas need a lot more work:

- Information sharing and awareness raising in courts, prison and probation services for people with autism
- Support for people with autism to access Psychology, Speech and Language and Occupational Therapy services

Next Steps

The LLR Autism Partnership board members will work together to identify, agree and monitor the priority areas for action going forward.

Financial implications:

There are no financial implications to the council with regards to completion of the

SAF.

The data submission may highlight areas for development across Health and Social Care which may require resources.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that the Health and Wellbeing Board:

- (a) Notes the content of the Self-Assessment

Strategic Lead: E Perkins

Risk assessment:

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