

# **REPORT FOR: HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD**

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<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	Thursday 1 November 2018
<b>Subject:</b>	Up-date on Joint Commissioning Strategy for People with Learning Disabilities and People with Autistic Spectrum Conditions
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Paul Hewitt, Corporate Director Peoples Services (Interim) Javina Sehgal, Managing Director, Harrow Clinical Commissioning Group
<b>Public:</b>	Yes
<b>Wards affected:</b>	All Wards
<b>Enclosures:</b>	Learning Disabilities and Autism Implementation Plan

## **Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations**

This report provides an up-date on the implementation of the Strategy for Learning Disability and Autism

### **Recommendations:**

The Board is requested to: Note the report

## **Section 2 – Report**

### **Background**

1. The Joint Commissioning Strategy for People with Learning Disabilities and People with Autistic Spectrum Conditions was agreed by the Health and Wellbeing Board in November 2016.
2. The report set out the national and local framework for the Strategy including the Winterbourne review, the Winterbourne View Concordat and London-wide Winterbourne View work stream; The Harrow Autism Strategy 2012-14 was developed in order to deliver the requirements of the 2009 Autism Act / 2010 NICE Guidelines; The Care Act 2014 and the national Transforming Care' for people with learning disabilities, autism and mental health needs was launched by NHS England.

### **Harrow's Joint Commissioning Strategy for People with Learning Disabilities and People with Autistic Spectrum Conditions**

3. The strategy was agreed at the Health and Wellbeing Board in November 2016. Since that time the implementation plan has been developed further and progress has been made across a number of priority work streams. The Implementation Plan, a copy of the implementation plan is provided at Annexe A.

### **Current situation**

4. Following the implementation of the adult social care vision a new specialist service for children and adults with LD and autism has been established. This service supports citizens with learning disabilities alongside children and young adults with disabilities. The rationale for this includes a lifelong approach delivered through a dedicated multi-disciplinary team with the key specialisms. In line with the Adult Social Care vision this new service will promote, maintain and enhance people's independence in their family and community so that they are stronger, healthier, more resilient and less reliant on formal social care services. This will provide early help and prevention enabling people to live more independently.
5. In this context the Strategy also includes reference to the SEND Strategy. The relationship is important because the education, health and care plans from early years through to young adulthood establish the foundation for adulthood, independence and well-being. The SEND Strategy is being developed and will be presented to Cabinet in December 2018.

### **Summary of Up-dates:**

6. There has been considerable progress in implementing work stream within the strategy and the key highlights are presented below:

## Joint working with CCG

- A crisis response pathway has been developed jointly with the CCG and other agencies. The new pathway was operational in October 2017. The pathway continues to be monitored.
- A Dynamic Risk register was implemented for LD clients to reduce crisis and unnecessary admission to hospital. There have been no cases of unnecessary long stay admission to hospital or emergency placement to residential care since its implementation.
- The ASD Dynamic Risk register for the most vulnerable Autistic Children and Young People has been piloted since August 2018 with positive feedback from partner agencies including CCG, Mental Health, Children and Adults Social Care. It is a multi-agency panel that meets on a monthly basis to review each autistic child and adult on the register.
- Harrow is Home Project aims to provide independent living homes for young people and adults with mild to severe Learning Disabilities and Autism.
- Since September 2017, London North West Hospital Trust (LNWHT) has worked in partnership with Harrow College, Kaleidoscope Sabre Supported Employment Partnership, Harrow Council and West London Alliance (WLA) to provide supported internships at Northwick Park Hospital. Which has helped to prepare young people with learning disabilities and those with Autistic spectrum conditions for employment. Supported internships are one of the most effective routes to employment for young people with EHC plans. They are a structured study programme, based primarily at an employer. They help young people get paid jobs by giving them the skills they need for work. Supported internships are unpaid, and last for a minimum of 6 months. Where possible, young people will move into paid employment at the end of the programme.
- LD Health and Social Care Focus group was formed in July 2018 as a recommendation from the Health and Wellbeing Board to specifically work with members of the LD community, CCG, CNWL and 3rd sector to implement the joint LD strategy.

## 7. In progress and in development :

- ASD pathway refresh should be complete by autumn 2018 with key stakeholders, CCG, CNWL, VCS and local citizens.
- Enhanced Home care provision – supporting families in the home environment with specialist LD and ASD Care Providers to reduce family breakdown, crisis and unnecessary hospital admissions.

- Further workforce development including Positive Behaviour Support training, Autism awareness training across divisions and agencies
- Proposal for a Autism Champion across LA,CNWL and CCG to provide info and advice for citizens and their carers
- Transition pathways to be agreed across all services and ages in line with the new adult social care vision for resilient community.
- A protocol for urgent diagnosis and therapies is being developed with the CCG Adult Commissioner from the GP referrals.
- Whole systems approach with CCG to deliver joined up health and social care specialist support services.

### **Financial Implications/Comments**

8. In light of the financial challenges across the health and social care economy in Harrow, the recommended actions will need to be delivered within existing budgetary provision on an ongoing basis. The annual budget process will determine the level of available funding in future financial periods.
9. The recommendations to implement the strategy have not identified any specific resource requirements to support development of referral pathways and the expectation is that early planning could mitigate more costly crisis care; however there have been no assumptions made around the impact of potential reduced costs on either the Adult Social Care or health budgets.
10. The Transforming care recommendations indicate that budgets should be shared across the health & social care economy, however, at this time there are no proposals around how this could be implemented. Full consideration of the implications of any such proposals in this respect will need to be investigated before any decision can be taken in this respect, and will need to include how this fits with the Better Care Fund and any longer term integration plans.

### **Legal Implications/Comments**

11. The Autism Act 2009 creates the duty for the Government to produce an Autism strategy and places Local authorities and NHS organisations under a duty to comply with the following statutory guidance when implementing the Adult Autism Strategy : Statutory Guidance for Local Authorities and NHS Organisations to Support the Implementation of the Adult Autism strategy (March 2015).

### **Risk Management Implications**

12. None identified at this stage

### **Equalities implications**

13. Was an Equality Impact Assessment carried out? No.  
This paper is for an update for the board on the agreed strategy.
14. The Public Sector Equality Duty under s149 of the Equality act and the need to have due regard to the need to:

- (a) eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act; .
  - (b) advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it; .
  - (c) foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.
15. As part of the development of this strategy equalities implication has been considered and is part of the strategy. Positive outcomes will be achieved for these vulnerable groups of residents in implementing the recommendations.

## Council Priorities

16. The Council's vision is: **Working Together to Make a Difference for Harrow**
17. The Council Priorities are as follows:
- Making a difference for the vulnerable
  - Making a difference for communities
  - Making a difference for local businesses
  - Making a difference for families
18. The Council Strategic Themes are to:
- Build a Better Harrow.
  - Be More Business-like and Business Friendly.
  - Protect the Most Vulnerable and Support Families
19. The recommendation supports these priorities and strategic themes by:
- Ensuring Harrow Council fulfils its statutory duties to provide care for those people who are eligible in accordance with the Care Act.
  - Providing high quality homes and care for residents of Harrow.
  - Seeking to secure further investment in housing and accommodation in Harrow for the benefit of its residents.
20. This report also meets the following themes from the Harrow Ambition Plan:
- Build a Better Harrow
  - Protect the Most Vulnerable and Support Families

## Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance (Council and Joint Reports)

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on behalf of the  
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Date: 16.10.2018

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**Ward Councillors notified:**

**NO**

## **Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers**

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**Background Papers:** None