



**Report for: Health and Wellbeing Board**

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**Date of Meeting:** 27<sup>th</sup> September 2022

**Subject:** Harrow Joint Commissioning Strategy for People with Learning Disabilities and Autistic People (2022-2026)

**Responsible Officers:** Isha Coombes  
Borough Director (Harrow), NW London

Shaun Riley,  
Interim Director of Adult Social Services

**Public:** Yes

**Wards affected:** All Wards

**Enclosures:** Annexe A:  
Harrow Joint Commissioning Strategy for People with Learning Disabilities and Autistic People (2022-2026)

Annexe B:  
Slide Presentation

# **Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations**

## **Report for Information**

This report presents the Harrow Joint Commissioning Strategy for People with Learning Disabilities and Autistic People (2022-2026) to the Health and Wellbeing Board

## **Recommendations:**

1. Note the details of the presentation and report
2. The Board is requested to approve, The Harrow Joint Commissioning Strategy for People with Learning Disabilities and Autistic People (2022 to 2026) for implementation

# **Section 2 – Report**

## **Introduction**

1. This report outlines the process to co-produce the Harrow Joint Commissioning Strategy for People with Learning Disabilities and Autistic People (2022-2026) and the key priorities within the Strategy.

## **Learning Disabilities & Autism Strategy (2016-2020)**

2. The Harrow Joint Learning Disabilities and Autism (LDA) Strategy (2016-2020) led to significant achievements including:
  - Improved data recording and collection to consistently inform Strategic and Service Commissioning
  - Improved pathways to support people with learning disabilities and autistic people
  - Support with health promotion i.e. Health Passports
  - Improved access to the community through, employment, housing and support
  - Autism specific - training within social care and the autism pathway re-designed, including an external commissioned service to support early years, children, young people and adults
  - Learning Disabilities specific – learning disability pathway was reviewed and the Learning Disability Enablement Project pilot was completed and endorsed to continue as a permanent service.

## **Learning Disabilities & Autism Strategy (2022-2026)**

3. The Harrow Joint Commissioning Strategy for People with Learning Disabilities and Autistic People (2022-2026) builds on these achievements but also acknowledges the significant changes in the context:

- The impact of covid on citizens with LD & A continue to emerge.
  - With the Integrated Care Partnership (ICP) there is a renewed cooperation between Harrow Council and NHS North West London to work with people with learning disabilities (LD) and autistic people (ASD) to improve outcomes
4. In 2021 wide engagement and a co-production approach commenced the development of the Harrow Joint Commissioning Strategy for People with Learning Disabilities and Autistic People (2022 to 2026) and the following engagement methods were used:
    - Questionnaires - 44 professionals and 122 citizens
    - Four online sessions - 115 participants
    - Workshop to support with the prioritising of the activities 90 participants
  5. The Strategy aims to ensure citizens recognise and or are supported to identify the positive outcomes they want to achieve to enable them to be as independent and included in the community as they want to be. The resulting Strategy and presentation is at Annexe A and B.

## **Financial Implications**

6. The Implementation Plan will identify the resource implications for any proposed changes to service delivery, which are expected to be managed within existing partner budgets. Should additional resources be required, these will need to be considered as part of the overall budget setting process for each partner organisation.

## **Legal Implications**

7. This strategy covers all age and is within the legal frameworks of the Autism Act (2009), Care Act (2014), Children and Families Act (2014), NHS Long Term Plan (2019-2024) and the Health and Care Act (2022).
8. Harrow's Terms of Reference and key health and wellbeing priorities underwrite this Strategy and consideration of how to best use the totality of resources available for health and wellbeing will be significant.

## **Risk Management Implications**

9. Any risks identified will be accounted for and mitigated within the Implementation Plan.
10. An annual report will be submitted to the Health and Wellbeing Board to monitor the progress of the Implementation Plan and provide assurances that risks are being monitored and managed where required.

## **Equalities Implications/Public Sector Equality Duty**

11. A priority for the Harrow Borough Based Partnership is to tackle inequalities. An Equalities Impact Assessment Screening Tool has been completed as part of the Strategy and further EQIAs will be carried out as part of the implementation plan if any changes to services are to be considered or proposed.

## **ICP Priorities**

12. The Harrow Joint Commissioning Strategy for People with Learning Disabilities and Autistic People (2022-2026) supports the ICP priorities in the following ways:
  - Contributes to the Council's priorities of Putting Residents First by improving services for children, young people and adults through an integrated approach and focus on individuals, that will address health and social care inequalities.
  - Supports the ambitions of the NHS Long Term Plan by supporting people with a learning disability and autism to lead longer and healthier lives, to reduce inequalities and improve access to services to prevent hospital admission or long-term placements.
  - Supports the Harrow borough-based partnership plan and the Integrated Care Partnership to achieve its objectives in reducing health inequalities at a borough and neighbourhood level, developing integrated teams to improve our citizens experience of care and reduce unplanned acute care and intensive social care packages and deliver transformational change in care pathways to deliver high quality integrated care, improving outcomes and addressing variation.

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

Name: Donna Edwards Insertion made to Financial Implications and Report Cleared by Finance  Date: 16 September 2022	on behalf of the Chief Financial Officer
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Name: Sharon Clarke Insertion made to Legal Implications and Report Cleared by Monitoring  Date: 18 September 2022	on behalf of the Monitoring Officer
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Name: Isha Coombes  Date: 20 September 2022	Borough Director (Harrow), NW London
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Name: Senel Arkut  Date: 20 September 2022	Corporate Director People Services
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### **Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers**

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