

BURY ADULT AUTISM STRATEGY – ACTION PLAN 2017-20 (DRAFT)

1. Improved data and intelligence (in line with section 4 of the Autism Statutory Guidance)						
Strategic Objective	Action	Desired Outcome	Timescale	Responsible officers	RAG	Evidence/ comments
Planning in relation to provision of services and support for adults, children and young people with autism	Work with other agencies and partners to develop more robust data systems	More robust data to help plan services and support	March 2020	All agencies led by GM autism Consortium Children's Services	A	
2. Improved multi-agency engagement (Partnership working is a major theme throughout the Autism Statutory Guidance)						
Strategic Objective	Action	Desired Outcome	By when	Responsible officers	RAG	Evidence/ comments
Improved multi-agency engagement Planning in relation to provision of services as children move into adult services Local planning and leadership in relation to the provision of services for	Develop a multi-agency training plan	A number of partners were identified in the SAF as not currently engaging in autism awareness training All partners will be trained to the same level (as identified in the autism SAF)	March 2018	JW Organisational development CCG and Childrens lead GM Autism Consortium Children's Services	G	Basic autism awareness training now mandatory for Bury Council employees and is currently being rolled out and/or offered to all partners for use in their organisation. Specialist assessor training to commenced in Feb 2018 on a train the trainer basis. Further work to be done around multi-agency training packages.
	Work with Childrens Services	We need to work in partnership	March 2019	JW	A	SAF area for

adults, children and young people with autism	(especially in regards to stating needs of children in the JSNA)	with Children's services to ensure seamless transitions from children's to adult services. Also, we are working on the joint "growing up with autism in Bury" document at present, so would be a good time to build on the links built.		Children's Services		development.
	Develop the autism partnership board and continue efforts to engage organisations not currently attending Develop communication mechanisms between the Autism Partnership Board and the SEND Partnership Board which informs the work of both Boards	Attendance at the partnership board from all sectors.	Dec 2017 Sept 18	JW JW Children's Services	G	Some organisations have not always engaged in the autism partnership board, the remit and membership will be an ongoing action.

3. Increased awareness and understanding of autism (in line with sections 1 and 6 of the Autism Statutory Guidance)

Strategic Objective	Action	Desired Outcome	By when	Responsible officers	RAG	Evidence/ comments
Increased awareness and understanding of autism amongst health and social care staff and partner agencies.	Specialist training for staff that carry out assessments of need. The training will include people with autism and carers.	Assessors will have in-depth knowledge of autism	April 2018	JW Org Dev. GM Autism Consortium	G	Specialist assessor training commenced1 in Feb 2018 on a train the trainer basis.
Increased awareness	Updated online basic training for CWB staff. Develop a training plan and roll out to Children's services and Health staff supporting SEND children and young	All staff have updated training and understand the needs of people with autism	Dec 17 Sept 18	JW Org Dev JW Children's	G	Basic autism awareness training has been developed and mandatory for Bury Council staff.

<p>and understanding of autism amongst the public to prevent negative perceptions.</p> <p>Listening to the views and aspirations of service users and carers and feeding them into decisions about support and services</p> <p>Information available to people whatever age with autism</p>	people with autism			Services		
	Various partners were identified as requiring training in the 2016 autism SAF.			GMAC		
	Identify an operational lead for autism across the Council for children's and adults.	An operational lead would ensure high quality services and in-depth knowledge. Operational staff have a specialist who can advise how autism can affect different people in different ways, how to approach assessments etc.	October 18	JW	R	SAF area for development
	Develop an "Autism Friendly Community" Scheme for Bury	<p>Raising awareness among the general public;</p> <p>Make Bury an autism-friendly town;</p> <p>Building resilient communities is key part of neighbourhood working.</p>	March 18 and ongoing	JW	A	<p>Project currently underway with full sign up from Leader of the Council. Work in progress.</p> <p>Consultation to taken place on 30 January 2018</p> <p>Making Bury an autism-friendly town (and Greater Manchester an autism-friendly city region) are key to the new GM service specification and link in perfectly with neighbourhood working and making resilient communities that are less reliant on public services. To join up workstreams for autism/dementia and age friendly communities in Bury.</p>

	Development of a stand alone service users and carers group of children, young people and adults to feed into the Development Group	<p>The group has been redeveloped to be less formal and more accessible.</p> <p>Extend the group to children, young people and families</p>	<p>Dec 17</p> <p>Sept 18</p>	<p>JW</p> <p>JW Children's Services</p>	G	Meetings continuing and developing.
	Development of Bury Directory autism pages	Raising awareness among the general public and information on support and services available locally	Ongoing	JW	A	Pages in place and to be reviewed
	Work with partners across Bury including voluntary sector, charities and providers to raise awareness of autism	Raising awareness among the general public;	Ongoing	JW	A	
	Awareness Raising campaigns across Bury	Raising awareness among the general public; Make Bury an autism-friendly town;	Ongoing	JW	A	

4. Improved access to universal services, support and employment which adults with autism need to live independently (in line with sections 5, 6 and 8 of the Autism Statutory Guidance)						
Strategic Objective	Action	Desired Outcome	By When	Responsible officers	RAG	Evidence/ comments
Housing and independent living	Work with housing to put Autism on either a housing action plan or strategy refresh.	Autism SAF asks if autism is specifically mentioned in the local authority's housing strategy. (Bury currently rated RED in this area.)	March 18	JW Housing	R	SAF area for development. Need to do some work with housing to look at getting autism either on an action plan or strategy refresh. Already building links with housing via HALG Financial Inclusion group.
	Understand the future needs of SEND children and young people with autism for housing and supported accommodation		March 2019	JW Children's Services		
	Understanding of reasonable adjustments to allow adults with autism access services and supports	Reasonable adjustments are understood and undertaken	March 19	JW GMAC	A	Work in progress at a GM level
5. Improved support that is personalised and fit for purpose (in line with sections 2, 7 and 8 of the Autism Statutory Guidance)						
Strategic Objective	Action	Desired Outcome	By when	Responsible officers	RAG	Evidence/ comments
People with autism will be a part of their communities (including those with behaviour that challenges and complex needs).	Identify health and social leads to confirm that appropriate actions are being taken by operational staff.	A reduction in reliance on inpatient care; this requires personalised care planning in the community.	April 2018	SPD Officer to identify an operational lead. CCG lead in place	A	
	Understand the cohort of SEND children and young people with autism and feed into this work-stream		March 2019	JW Children's Services		