

**OFFICER DELEGATION SCHEME
RECORD OF OPERATIONAL DECISION**



TO BE UPLOADED TO THE INTERNET BY DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

Date: 13/12/2021	Ref No: 2084
Type of Operational Decision:	
Executive Decision <input type="checkbox"/>	Council Decision <input type="checkbox"/>
Status: For Publication	
Title/Subject matter:	
<p>Permission sought to commission a host organisation to provide expertise to develop and maintain a Bury Autism Co-production Network.</p> <p>The Autism Co-production Network will be set up to develop and maintain a co-production network for Autistic people (their family and carers) and working in partnership. The network will be the mechanism to facilitate and support the coproduction, co-design of the Autism Charter, and delivery plan that's sits alongside the Health and Social Care Learning Disability and Autism programme plan for Bury, further develop an advocacy model, and provide mechanisms for engagement for Autism.</p> <p>Propose a contract length of two years at a cost of £7,500 per annum overall value of £15,000.</p>	
Budget/Strategy/Policy/Compliance – Is the decision:	
(i) within an Approved Budget	Yes
(ii) in accordance with Council Policy	Yes
Equality Impact Assessment	
<p>[Does this decision change policy, procedure or working practice or negatively impact on a group of people? If yes – complete EIA and summarise issues identified and recommendations – forward EIA to Corporate HR]</p>	<p>No- the decision to appoint a provider does not change any policy, procedure or working practice.</p> <p>It does not negatively impact upon any of the protected characteristics the only qualifying criteria is that you live in Bury and are an Autistic person or have a connection to an Autistic person/people.</p>
	<p>This approach will give Autistic people a voice in how we shape and deliver services and will be a mechanism to connect and engage those with/and or affected by Autism.</p>

Details of Operational Decision Taken [with reasons]:

The vision for Bury, expressed through our Autism charter is to: “to support and work with Autistic children, young people and adults and their families and carers to achieve their full potential, by focusing on promoting independence, supporting health and wellbeing, and encouraging participation and inclusion in our local communities.

This vision drives our health and social care recovery and transformation work. A key part of our approach to achieving our ambitions is to have co-production running as a ‘golden thread’ through everything we do, ‘Let’s Do It Strategy’.

The Care Act defines co-production in the following way: ‘Co-production is when you, as an individual, influence the support and services you receive, or when groups of people get together to influence the way that services are designed, commissioned and delivered’.

“Putting People First” (Department of Health, 2007) recognised that real change will only be achieved through the participation of people who use services. This is more difficult for many people who have Autism as a wider variety of engagement methods need to be available to ensure services are accessible.

Objectives:

- To develop and build a network of people with lived experience of Autism and ensure views of all are represented i.e., all age groups/ genders / ethnicities / religions. Utilising existing networks/contacts where known.
- To facilitate quarterly workshops for the network.
- To support effective mechanisms for autistic people and their families/carers/advocates to work with health and social care leads.
- To ensure autistic people and their families/carers are engaged in:
 - i) Improving health and social care outcomes.
 - ii) Co-designing the way services are commissioned, delivered, and evaluated.
- To provide a vehicle for the LA and partners to consult, engage and discuss options and ideas around Autism developments in Bury

The main users of the contract will be Adult Health and Social Care; however, the network will continue to provide feedback on key topics i.e. housing, health, employment, development of communities and therefore offers value across all system partners.

Expected outcomes:



- To obtain a genuine, comprehensive understanding of the views, experiences, and ideas of people with lived experience, identifying underlying issues and potential solutions in collaboration.
- A collaborative, reciprocal relationship is developed between Autistic people, their families, carers, advocates and health and social care leads.
- Bury’s Health and Social Care Learning Disability and Autism programme agenda is shaped and driven by local people.
- Services, commissioning, and outcomes are designed and improved using the information, intelligence, and feedback from the network (contributing to improved service planning, commissioning and decision making; and increasing the efficient and effectiveness of spend on health and social care services).

We propose to carry out a soft market testing and investigation (via speaking to network contacts and internet research) to identify and seek interest from organisations/providers known as experts in the areas of Autism to act as host for the network. An invitation to quote would be advertised on the Chest for expression of interest.

Bids received will then be evaluated by a formal panel which will consist of; Integrated Strategic Lead for Learning Disability and Autism, Integrated Commissioning Officer and an advocate. Formal clarification questions will be asked of bidders and evaluated by the panel.

Funding:

A sum of £7,500 per year to be made available to support the aims and outcomes of the scheme using existing revenue budget.

Decision taken by:	Signature:	Date:
Executive Director of Strategic Commissioning		19 January 2022
Members Consulted [see note 1 below]		
Cabinet Member/Chair		19 January 2022
Lead Member		
Opposition Spokesperson		

Notes

1. It is not generally a requirement to consult with any Members on Operational Decisions but where a Chief Officer considers it necessary to consult with the appropriate Cabinet Member and/or Lead Member, they must sign the form so as to confirm that they have been consulted and that they agree with the proposed action. The signature of the Opposition Spokesperson should be obtained to confirm that he/she has been consulted.
2. **This form must not be used for urgent decisions.**