

# UMBRELLA PATHWAY UPDATE

## October 2020

- Delays in ASD assessment national and local challenge
- Pathway redesign 2017
- Referral process changes 2018 and 2020
- Investment received 2019
- Business case shared September 2019

# ACTIONS UPDATE

## **Recruitment** .....plus challenges

- Speech & Language Therapy
- Clinical Psychology
- Administrator- skills and training needed
- Enhanced Medical Role – Equal opportunities
- Support Facilitator – *FiP co-production*

**Referral process** - improved information within referral from January 2020

## IMPACT of COVID 19

- Government directive: non essential services stopped
- Redeployment of staff
- Trial of virtual assessments
- Development of virtual assessment tools
- Focus on Planning meetings
- Focus on Diagnostic discussions



## Support Offer

**Job description** - for Support Facilitator Role

**FIP-** request sent for family choice of session topics

**What is Autism?** - workshop January 2021

MDT professional /family experience for each topic

**Web based resources** - Development of resources / recordings of workshops

## SUPPORT DURING COVID

Development of support offer:

- Email address for families to seek help
- Accessed by over 100 families
- 27 families not previously known to SLT
- All families identified children to have ASD or undergoing assessment
- Web based training – emotional regulation during COVID - > 19,000 hits

# CURRENT POSITION

Numbers waiting for individual assessments:

Professional	July 2019	Oct 2020
SLT	165	145
Clinical Psychology	193	210
Occupational therapy	22	38
Community Paediatrics	150	178
Diagnostic discussion	353	38

Waiting times - Referral to planning - Weeks

OCT 19	JAN 20	APR 20	JUL 20	SEP 20
21.56	21.24	16.88	19.04	4.50

Waiting times- referral to diagnosis - Weeks

OCT 19	JAN 20	APR 20	JUL 20	SEP 20
81.94	69.70	67.92	65.17	60.73