

Autism Strategy for Worcestershire - update

Agenda item 5

Date	12 May 2015																
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Recommendation	<p>1. That the Health and Well-being Board:</p> <p>a) Note the outcome of the consultation about the All Age Autism Strategy; and</p> <p>b) Approve the final draft of the All Age Autism Strategy.</p>																
Background	<p>2. The Health and Well Being Board received a report about the draft All Age Autism Strategy (hereon referred to as the 'Autism Strategy') in March 2015 and agreed formal consultation on this document.</p> <p>3. The Autism Strategy had been developed by the Autism Partnership Group as an adult strategy initially; this was in response to the requirements of the Autism Act 2009 and the National Guidance for Adult Autism (updated in 2015); however it was agreed in November 2014 to develop an All Age</p>																

strategy to ensure integration of support and services for children, young people and adults.

4. Consultation lasted from 4 March until 10 April 2015. The consultation document was distributed to members of the Worcestershire Autism Strategy Partnership Group (which includes adults with autism), CCGs, NHS Trusts and the voluntary and community sector beyond those represented on the Partnership Group. 67 responses were received including from voluntary and community sector agencies, Worcestershire Health and Care Trust, individual clinicians and members of the public.

5. Responses included: requests for further detail; comments about the style of the document; questions about transition of young people into adulthood and how the strategy reflected on this; highlighting of the need for extension of awareness raising and specialist training to housing and police staff; and questions about how the strategy can be implemented in times of constrained public sector funding. A full list of responses received and how these were considered is included at Appendix 1.

6. In the light of the feedback received the Autism Strategy has been revised and the final version is presented for consideration and approval of the content.

Next Steps

7. Once approved by the Health and Well Being Board:

- A detailed action plan will be developed by the Autism Partnership Group and implementation will commence.
- The layout of the Strategy will be updated to ensure that it becomes an accessible and 'lively' document with quotations from children, young people and adults with autism spectrum conditions and their carers.
- An official launch will be planned for the summer of 2015.

Background Documents

- Appendix 1: Autism Strategy Consultation Feedback – April 2015
- Appendix 2: Autism Strategy