



# Autism Self Evaluation

## Local authority area

1. How many Clinical Commissioning Groups do you need to work with to implement the Adult Autism Strategy in your local authority area?

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### Comment

2. Are you working with other local authorities to implement part or all of the priorities of the strategy?

- Yes  
 No

If yes, how are you doing this?

## Planning

3. Do you have a named joint commissioner/senior manager of responsible for services for adults with autism?

- Yes  
 No

If yes, what are their responsibilities and who do they report to? Please provide their name and contact details.

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Corinne Moocarme has lead responsibility to work with key stakeholders to develop a Commissioning Plan for clients with Asperger's Syndrome and Autism Spectrum Disorder. This includes service development, service re-design, workforce training/development and engaging with specific projects/depts for the Council and CCG including Housing and Public Health.

4. Is Autism included in the local JSNA?

- Red  
 Amber  
 Green

**Comment**

*Autism is not a specific client group category in the JSNA. The Director of Public Health has commissioned a report to advise how recording systems might need to change across health and social care to better capture specific diagnoses.*

**5. Have you started to collect data on people with a diagnosis of autism?**

- Red  
 Amber  
 Green

**Comment**

*Both the SLAM Diagnostic Clinic and the Lewisham Information Advice and Support Service are required to collect information on diagnosis as part of their Key Performance Indicators.*

**6. Do you collect data on the number of people with a diagnosis of autism meeting eligibility criteria for social care (irrespective of whether they receive any)?**

- Yes  
 No

If yes, what is

the total number of people?

the number who are also identified as having a learning disability?

the number who are identified as also having mental health problems?

**Comment**

**7. Does your commissioning plan reflect local data and needs of people with autism?**

- Yes  
 No

If yes, how is this demonstrated?

*The Lewisham Joint Commissioning Workplan identifies the importance of continuing to ensure that commissioned services meet the needs of local people with autism.*

**8. What data collection sources do you use?**

- Red  
 Red/Amber  
 Amber  
 Amber/Green  
 Green

**Comment**

*We have made a start in collecting data and plan to progress.  
We are able to access data held by:  
Autism Diagnostic Clinic  
Lewisham Information, Advice and Support Service  
Campaign for Lewisham Autism Spectrum Housing (CLASH)  
EMIS (Medical Information System) used to elicit READ codes used by GPs  
Integrated Adult Services (IAS) Social Care User Records System*

### 9. Is your local Clinical Commissioning Group or Clinical Commissioning Groups (including the Support Service) engaged in the planning and implementation of the strategy in your local area?

- Red  
 Amber  
 Green

**Comment**

*The lead officer has presented both requirements and recommendations of the Autism Strategy to a number of audiences, including what was previously the Primary Care Trust. The Chief Operating Officer, Lewisham CCG is a point of continuity between the then PCT and the current CCG and is fully appraised on these. The CCG are represented on the Health and Wellbeing Board, and therefore will be part of the November Health and Wellbeing Board where Autism will be discussed.*

### 10. How have you and your partners engaged people with autism and their carers in planning?

- Red  
 Amber  
 Green

**Please give an example to demonstrate your score.**

*Carers of young adults with Autism have been engaged in the Lewisham Housing and Autism Joint Project Group. The Lewisham Information Advice and Support Service are required to collect qualitative and quantitative data from service users around emerging needs and service gaps.*

### 11. Have reasonable adjustments been made to everyday services to improve access and support for people with autism?

- Red  
 Amber  
 Green

**Please give an example.**

*Autism Awareness Training has been provided to our SCAIT (Social Care Access and Information Team) as well as information about autism specific services in the Borough, so that they can support clients trying to access adult social care services for the first time.*

*As part of the Housing and Disability Group, carers of young adults with autism have been involved in the re-design of the form to be completed when applying for re-housing on medical grounds.*

### 12. Do you have a Transition process in place from Children's social services to Adult social services?

- Yes  
 No

**If yes, please give brief details of whether this is automatic or requires a parental request, the mechanism and any restrictions on who it applies to.**

*This is an automatic, internal process between Children's and Adults Services. There are no restrictions providing the child is known to Children's Social Care.*

### 13. Does your planning consider the particular needs of older people with Autism?

- Red  
 Amber  
 Green

#### Comment

*An analysis of the service being delivered by Lewisham's Autism partners (SLaM and BAT) suggests that the people accessing the current diagnostic and support services are in the main, younger adults living at home with their parents. The issue of accessibility of services by older adults will be discussed in the next round of contract monitoring meetings.*

*All services commissioned for adults with Autism are available to anyone with ASD aged 18 plus. Training on Autism Awareness has been offered across a wide range of health and the wider council statutory service providers, this would have included staff supporting older adults.*

## Training

### 14. Have you got a multi-agency autism training plan?

- Yes  
 No

### 15. Is autism awareness training being/been made available to all staff working in health and social care?

- Red  
 Amber  
 Green

**Comment:** Specify whether Self-Advocates with autism are included in the design of training and/or whether they have a role as trainers. If the latter specify whether face-to-face or on video/other recorded media.

*Video recorded material featuring adults with autism is included in the training. We are looking to develop further training in conjunction with the Lewisham Information, Advice and Support Service which will include Service Users in the design and delivery.*

### 16. Is specific training being/been provided to staff that carry out statutory assessments on how to make adjustments in their approach and communication?

- Red  
 Amber  
 Green

#### Comments

*A series of introduction to Autism Specific Conditions half day workshops were commissioned in Lewisham during 2012. A wide range of professionals were invited to attend including: Police, Social Workers, Hostel Workers, Care Workers, Leisure Industry, Housing Organisations, Disability Workers, Management and other staff working for the London Borough of Lewisham.*

*Earlier in 2012, staff with responsibility for statutory assessments - mainly Social Workers and Occupational Therapists were invited to attend a more in-depth course and encouraged to share stories, share good practice and seek solutions in working with clients with autism. This course was repeated for health staff (mainly health visitors) during the early part of 2013.*

*Following excellent feedback on the above courses - London Borough of Lewisham Training Department have commissioned the same company to ensure there is a "rolling programme" of autism awareness training.*

*A service user recently attended the Lewisham "First Aid for Mental Health" training and commented that Autism should have got a mention during this training.*

17. Have Clinical Commissioning Group(s) been involved in the development of workforce planning and are general practitioners and primary care practitioners engaged included in the training agenda?

- Yes  
 No

Please comment further on any developments and challenges.

*The Autism Awareness Training mentioned above was offered to all GPs and Practice Staff. Unfortunately, this group of staff were not well represented and we need to look again about how the training is promoted and methods of delivery that will make it more attractive to primary care staff.*

18. Have local Criminal Justice services engaged in the training agenda?

- Yes  
 No

Please comment further on any developments and challenges.

*The training was offered to the Police and Probation Service and 25% of total attendees were from one of these staffing groups.*

## Diagnosis led by the local NHS Commissioner

19. Have you got an established local diagnostic pathway?

- Red  
 Amber  
 Green

Please provide further comment.

*The Lewisham Autism Spectrum Disorder Clinic is commissioned from South London and Maudsley (SLAM) Trust. Referrals are managed via the Community Mental Health Team.*

20. If you have got an established local diagnostic pathway, when was the pathway put in place?

Month (Numerical, e.g. January 01)

6

Year (Four figures, e.g. 2013)

2011

Comment

21. How long is the average wait for referral to diagnostic services?

Please report the total number of weeks

13

Comment

*13 weeks from referral to initial assessment*

22. How many people have completed the pathway in the last year?

72

**Comment**

40 during 2012  
32 to date in 2013

23. Has the local Clinical Commissioning Group(s)/support services taken the lead in developing the pathway?

- Yes  
 No

**Comment**

*The pathway was set up before the implementation of the CCG. It has been led by the Joint Commissioning Team who works across health and social care.*

24. How would you describe the local diagnostic pathway, ie Integrated with mainstream statutory services with a specialist awareness of autism for diagnosis or a specialist autism specific service?

- a. Integrated with mainstream statutory services with a specialist awareness of autism for diagnosis  
 b. Specialist autism specific service

**Please comment further**

*The diagnostic clinic is integrated with the Community Mental Health Teams. Following diagnosis, clients are referred to the Information, Advice and Support Service for follow up and ongoing support.*

25. In your local diagnostic path does a diagnosis of autism automatically trigger an offer of a Community Care Assessment?

- Yes  
 No

**Please comment, i.e. if not who receives notification from diagnosticians when someone has received a diagnosis?**

*Community Mental Health Service and GP. Clients are given information regarding the Information, Advice and Support Service and encouraged to self-refer.*

26. What post-diagnostic support (in a wider personalisation perspective, not just assuming statutory services), is available to people diagnosed?

*The Lewisham Information, Advice and Support Service is able to facilitate peer support groups, support to access employment/further education and support in managing an ASD diagnosis for service users and their carers.*

## [Care and support](#)

27. Of those adults who were assessed as being eligible for adult social care services and are in receipt of a personal care budget, how many people have a diagnosis of Autism both with a co-occurring learning disability and without?

a. Number of adults assessed as being eligible for adult social care services and in receipt of a personal budget

3141

b. Number of those reported in 27a. who have a diagnosis of Autism but not learning disability

c. Number of those reported in 27a. who have both a diagnosis of Autism AND Learning Disability

#### Comment

*Overall number of Self Directed Support during 2012/13 was 3141 out of 5659 clients.*

28. Do you have a single identifiable contact point where people with autism whether or not in receipt of statutory services can get information signposting autism-friendly entry points for a wide range of local services?

Yes

No

If yes, please give details

*Lewisham Information, Advice and Support Service commissioned from Burgess Autistic Trust.*

29. Do you have a recognised pathway for people with autism but without a learning disability to access a community care assessment and other support?

Yes

No

If yes, please give details

*Social Care Access and Information Team (SCAIT)*

30. Do you have a programme in place to ensure that all advocates working with people with autism have training in their specific requirements?

Red

Amber

Green

#### Comment

*Mental Health Advocates have not identified the need for an autism specific course to date.*

*Many of the team of "Generic" advocates working with service users with a Learning Disability have had specific autism awareness training. Further training can be accessed as required.*

31. Do adults with autism who could not otherwise meaningfully participate in needs assessments, care and support planning, appeals, reviews, or safeguarding processes have access to an advocate?

- Red  
 Amber  
 Green

**Comment**

*There is open referral to Learning Disability Advocacy Support which would extend to those clients with Autism without a Learning Disability.*

32. Can people with autism access support if they are non Fair Access Criteria eligible or not eligible for statutory services?

- Yes  
 No

**Provide an example of the type of support that is available in your area.**

*Lewisham Information, Advice and Support Service (as referenced above)*

33. How would you assess the level of information about local support in your area being accessible to people with autism?

- Red  
 Amber  
 Green

**Comment**

*This is an area considered in the recent report on Autism in Lewisham produced by Lewisham Public Health. One recommendation is that Autism Champions are identified across health and social care to support their colleagues and to keep up to date on what services are available in the Borough.*

## Housing & Accommodation

34. Does your local housing strategy specifically identify Autism?

- Red  
 Amber  
 Green

**Comment**

*It is not specifically mentioned. The Lewisham Housing Strategy expires in 2014 and will be renewed as soon as more about the future of the housing stock is known. Consideration as to the content/scope of the new strategy will take place then.*

## Employment

35. How have you promoted in your area the employment of people on the Autistic Spectrum?

- Red  
 Amber  
 Green

**Comment**

*Lewisham Links Employment Project supports employment for adults with Learning Disability. Lewisham Information, Advice and Support Service supports people into mainstream community services, employment opportunities, leisure and learning etc.*

### 36. Do transition processes to adult services have an employment focus?

- Red  
 Amber  
 Green

#### Comment

*Employment options are considered within the transition process. There are a number of schemes in the borough aimed specifically at supporting employment for young people aged 16-25 with learning difficulties or learning disabilities, including those on the autistic spectrum. These schemes include the provision of training for work readiness, support with job searching and job applications, job coaching, through to fully funded work placements of up to 52 weeks.*

## Criminal Justice System (CJS)

### 37. Are the CJS engaging with you as a key partner in your planning for adults with autism?

- Red  
 Amber  
 Green

#### Comment

*Lewisham Information, Advice and Support Service have not had any engagement with the Police or Probation Service to date but plan to do so in the future.*

*The CJS are engaged with Lewisham Crime Reduction and Supporting People Team but are not currently engaged on any discrete pieces of work around autism.*

## Optional Self-advocate stories

### Self-advocate stories.

Up to 5 stories may be added. These need to be less than 2000 characters. In the first box, indicate the Question Number(s) of the points they illustrate (may be more than one). In the comment box provide the story.

#### Self-advocate story one

Question number

Comment

#### Self-advocate story two

Question number

Comment

#### Self-advocate story three

Question number

Comment

#### Self-advocate story four

Question number

Comment

#### Self-advocate story five

Question number

Comment

### This marks the end of principal data collection.

Can you confirm that the two requirements for the process to be complete have been met?

a. Have you inspected the pdf output to ensure that the answers recorded on the system match what you intended to enter?

Yes

b. Has the response for your Local Authority area been agreed by the Autism Partnership Board or equivalent group, and the ratings validated by people who have autism, as requested in the [ministerial letter](#) of 5th August 2013?

Yes

The data set used for report-writing purposes will be taken from the system on 30th September 2013.

The data fill will remain open after that for two reasons:

1. to allow entry of the dates on which Health and Well Being Boards discuss the submission and
2. to allow modifications arising from this discussion to be made to RAG rated or yes/no questions.

**Please note** modifications to comment text or additional stories entered after this point will not be used in the final report.

What was the date of the meeting of the Health and Well Being Board that this was discussed?

Please enter in the following format: 01/01/2014 for the 1st January 2014.

Day

19

Month

11

Year

2013