

MEETING:	HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD
MEETING DATE:	22 October 2013
TITLE OF REPORT:	The 2010 Adult Autism Strategy Fulfilling and Rewarding Lives: Evaluating Progress – the second national exercise.
REPORT BY:	Director for Adults Wellbeing

Classification

Open

Key Decision

This is not an executive decision.

Wards Affected

County-wide

Purpose

That the Board note that a self-assessment on the progress made by the Council on implementing the 2010 Adult Autism Strategy “Fulfilling and Rewarding Lives” has been submitted to Public Health England.

Recommendation

THAT: The report be noted

Alternative Options

1 There are no alternative options.

Reasons for Recommendations

2 The report is for information only

Key Considerations

3 On 2 August 2013 Norman Lamb MP, Minister of State for Care and Support wrote to Directors of Adult Social Services informing them of the second national exercise to evaluate progress in implementing the 2010 Adult Autism Strategy Fulfilling and Rewarding Lives. The assessment was designed to:

- a) assist Local Authorities and their partners in assessing progress in implementing the 2010 Adult Autism Strategy,
- b) see how much progress has been made since the baseline survey, as at February 2012 and
- c) provide examples of good progress that can be shared and highlight remaining challenges.

The deadline for submissions, made via an on-line return to Public Health England, was required by Monday 30 September 2013. Herefordshire's response was submitted on time.

Community Impact

- 4 The self-assessment describes the progress that has been made in the county with regard to the 2010 National Strategy. The Council has been slow to begin work on implementing the National Strategy however, it has recently published a draft local Autism Strategy which is awaiting clearance by Cabinet and the CCG Board. It is also due to come before the Health and Well Being Board. Once agreed, the local strategy will be implemented through partnership working with a range of local groups and third sector providers.

Equality and Human Rights

- 5 The self-assessment in itself does not meet any of these duties however, once it is implemented, the local Autism Strategy will help advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it

Financial Implications

- 6 None.

Legal Implications

- 7 None. This document is for information only.

Risk Management

- 8 None. This document of for information only

Consultees

- 9 Relevant Council officers were asked to contribute to the self-assessment

Appendices

- 10 A copy of the self-assessment return is attached.

Background Papers

- None identified.