

Meeting:	Health & Wellbeing Board
Meeting date:	25 March 2015
Title of report:	Autism self-assessment 2014
Report by:	Director of Adult Wellbeing

Classification

Open

Key Decision

This is not an executive decision.

Wards Affected

County-wide

Purpose

To note that a self-assessment on the progress made by the Council on implementing the 2010 Adult Autism Strategy “Fulfilling and Rewarding Lives”, and its subsequent update, 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 In December 2014 Jon Rouse, Director General of Social Care, Local Government and Care Partnerships at the Department of Health and David Pearson, President of the Association of Directors of Adult Social Care wrote to Directors of Adult Social Services informing them of the third national exercise to evaluate progress in implementing the 2010 Adult Autism Strategy Fulfilling and Rewarding Lives and its update, which had been published in April 2014. The assessment was designed to;

a) assist Local Authorities and their partners in assessing progress in implementing the Adult Autism Strategy,

b) see how much progress has been made since the second survey, as at September 2013 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 9 March 2015. 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 National Strategy. The County has its own local strategy with action plan which is being implemented through the work of a Partnership Board working with a range of local groups and third sector providers

Equality duty

- 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 people who are disabled and share a relevant protected characteristic and people 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 is for information only

Consultees

- 9 The self-assessment was drawn up through consultation with a wide range of colleagues and partners including the CCG, 2G and officers from Adult Social Care. Partners consulted included members of the Autism Partnership Board, people with autism and representatives of the Third Sector. The self-assessment was partially co-authored by members of the Partnership Board who also oversaw the final version before it was submitted to the Department of Health.

Appendices

Appendix 1 Autism Self-Assessment

Appendix 2 Direction of travel assessment comparing 2014 with 2013.

Background papers

- None identified.