

Shropshire Adult Autism Strategy

Timeline of activity leading to Shropshire Adult Autism Strategy 2013

	National	Local
2006	<p>'Better services for people with an Autistic Spectrum Disorder', (Nov.2006)</p> <p>The Department of Health</p> <p>Clarifies the nature and intent of existing government policy as it relates to adults with an Autistic Spectrum Condition. It was intended to encourage people in the social care and health field to develop local agendas for action.</p>	
2009	<p>A Better Future – a consultation on a future strategy for adults with autistic spectrum conditions Department of Health (April 2009)</p> <p>A consultation seeking views about the focus and priorities to be contained in the forthcoming national strategy for Autism</p> <p>Supporting People with Autism through Adulthood National Audit Office (June 2009)</p> <p>Report which examined the range of services for adults with autism and their carers in England, including health and social care, education, benefits and employment support. Recommended action to improve the lives of people with autism in three main areas:</p> <p>a) Better awareness of the numbers of people with</p>	<p>Shropshire consultation</p> <p>3 consultation events held in Shropshire to collate feedback on national draft strategy and to input into local strategy: a stakeholder workshop for professionals , a consultation event with the LD Partnership Board and a consultation meeting with mental health Local Implementation Team (August /Sep 2009)</p>

	<p>autism, to aid planning, delivery and evaluation of services.</p> <p>b) Better awareness and understanding of autism.</p> <p>c) Better-targeted specialised provision for adults with high-functioning autism/Asperger Syndrome.</p> <p>Autism Act 2009</p> <p>Received Royal Assent 12 November 2009</p> <p>Duty on the Secretary of State to prepare and issue a strategy for meeting the needs of adults with autistic spectrum conditions and to publish this strategy by 1 April 2010. The Act also requires implementation guidance to be issued by 31 December 2010 to NHS bodies, NHS Foundations Trusts and Local Authorities</p>	
<p>2010</p>	<p>Adult Autism Strategy ‘Fulfilling and Rewarding Lives’ Department of Health (3rd March 2010) Sets out the Government’s Strategy for adults with autism in England. It draws on the findings of the National Audit Office report Supporting adults with autism through adulthood (2009) and the recommendations from the Public Accounts Committee’s report (2009) of the same title.</p> <p>Implementing “Fulfilling and rewarding lives” Dept of Health (Dec 2010) Statutory guidance for local authorities and NHS organisations to support implementation of the autism strategy</p> <p>The Standard Contract for Mental Health and</p>	<p>Draft Strategy for Adult Autism Services in Shropshire 2010-2013 Joint Commissioning Team (January 2010)</p>

	Learning Disabilities for 2010/2011 explicitly requires service providers to explain how reasonable adjustments for people with autism are made.	
2011	'Fulfilling and Rewarding Lives' Evaluating Progress Essential Outcomes Framework published (April 2011)	Essential Quality Outcomes Framework Self Assessment completed for Shropshire (December 2011) Shropshire joins Staffordshire, Stoke, Telford & Wrekin Adult Autism Partnership Board and links with the Telford & Wrekin Autism Strategy Steering Group. Draft Strategy developed through Partnership Board with involvement from the Expert Users and Carers Reference Group.
2012	National Institute Clinical Excellence Clinical Guideline 142 (Autism: recognition, referral, diagnosis and management of adults on the autism Spectrum) NICE (June 2012)	Draft Adult Autism Strategy for Shropshire considered by Shropshire Council Healthy Communities Scrutiny Committee (March 2012) Consultation on draft strategy runs from June – September 2012 and includes targeted consultation meetings with people with autism, carers group and support groups as well as organisations that support them; wide circulation of the draft strategy across health and social care organisations and an on-line questionnaire. Training and Awareness sub group set up to begin work on the required training and awareness priority (May 2012). Joint Telford and Wrekin, and Shropshire Diagnostic

		<p>Pathway workshops begin (July 2012)</p> <p>Feedback from the consultation and the Expert Users and Carers Group is used to re-draft the Shropshire Adult Autism Strategy.</p>
2013		<p>The re-drafted Strategy is currently in process of gaining final approval.</p>