

<b>REPORT TO:</b>	<b>HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD</b> 12 October 2020
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Let Autism Emerge from the Haystack
<b>BOARD SPONSOR:</b>	Councillor Louisa Woodley & Guy Van Dichele, Executive Director
<b>PUBLIC/EXEMPT:</b>	Public

### **SUMMARY OF REPORT:**

A discussion paper, intended to generate conversation and actions, in relation to autism and our autistic residents in Croydon. This is a personal viewpoint from Councillor Jerry Fitzpatrick, Borough Autism Champion.

### **BOARD PRIORITY/POLICY CONTEXT:**

- There are no specific mentions of Autism in the Croydon Health and Wellbeing Strategy. This is the type of omission which we are seeking to address in this report and presentation. However, our collective work with autistic people is included within, and addresses, every one of the priorities outlined in the Strategy.
- The NHS Long-Term plan includes a considerable number of recommendations relating to autism; and the Implementation Framework for NHS Trusts contains three significant related requirements.

These are:

5.8 System plans should set out how they will deliver the Long Term Plan commitments to improve services and outcomes for people with learning disabilities, autism or both, reducing the reliance on inpatient provision and increasing community capacity. To do this effectively, systems must ensure that they understand their local unmet need, gaps in care, including local health inequalities. It is expected that all STPs and ICSs will have a named senior responsible officer to oversee local implementation of Long Term Plan ambitions for individuals with learning disabilities, autism or both, and their families.

5.9 Systems should involve people with lived experience and their families in checking the quality of care, support and treatment, and set out how they will ensure all local services make reasonable adjustments for people with learning disabilities, autism or both when they need it.

- 5.10 System plans should clearly set out:
- their share of the required further reduction inpatient usage and beds;
  - learning disability and autism physical health checks for at least 75% of people aged over 14 years;
  - how proposals for people with learning disabilities and/or autism align with their plans for mental health, special educational needs and disability (SEND), children and young people’s services and health and justice;
  - the local offer for autistic young people, people with a learning disability and their families;
  - how NHS-led provider collaboratives will be developed locally and should ensure that digital plans use the reasonable adjustment ‘digital flag’ in the patient record or, where this is not available, use the Summary Care Record as an alternative.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

There is no direct financial impact relating to this paper. We expect to work within existing resources, seeking improvements through more efficient and effective partnership working.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

This report recommends that the Health and Wellbeing Board:

- 1 Notes the content of this paper, and the accompanying Powerpoint presentation
- 2 Encourages organisations and agencies represented on the Health and Wellbeing Board to work together to improve our data and knowledge with regard to the health and wellbeing of our autistic residents

- 3 Encourages organisations and agencies represented on the Health and Wellbeing Board to agree, take shared ownership of, and implement those parts of the Croydon Autism Strategy and Action Plan which address issues of concern regarding the health and wellbeing of Croydon residents.
- 4 Encourages organisations and agencies represented on the Health and Wellbeing board to take up representation on the Autism Partnership Board, and the Autism Data Group, taking into account these bodies' dealings with issues relating to the health and wellbeing of Croydon residents.
- 5 Gives consideration to the health and wellbeing needs of autistic Croydon residents in the evolution of any future refreshed Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

## **1. DETAIL OF YOUR REPORT**

- 1.1. A detailed discussion paper is attached as Appendix 1 to this covering report.

## **2. CONSULTATION**

- 2.1 The attached discussion document has been personally written by Councillor Jerry Fitzpatrick, Borough Autism Champion. A two-month public web-based consultation, relating to the priorities for our forthcoming Autism Strategy, has, at the date of the board meeting, just concluded. The results of this will not be available in time for the meeting but will inform our direction of travel. We also intend to consult with smaller groups of autistic people in the next few weeks, by whatever means currently possible.

### **3. SERVICE INTEGRATION**

- 3.1 Our Autism Partnership Board leads on collaboration in this area of work, and includes members from various local health bodies, other public sector organisations, and the voluntary sector, as well as the autism community itself.
- 3.2 Driven by this group, all forms of integrated working are under discussion, and we intend to issue our Autism Strategy early in 2021 as a shared vision across the public sector and beyond in Croydon.

### **4. LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

- 4.1 The Head of Litigation and Corporate Law comments on behalf of the Director of Law and Governance that the Health and Wellbeing Board's Terms of Reference include: "To encourage, for the purpose of advancing the health and wellbeing of people in Croydon, persons who arrange for the provision of any health or social care services in Croydon to work in an integrated manner."
- 4.2 The Council, and other Organisations are obliged (by the Equality Act 2010) not to discriminate against persons on the ground of age or disability and also have a duty (s149) to advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.

*Approved by:* Sandra Herbert, Head of Litigation and Corporate Law on behalf of the Director of Law and Governance and Deputy Monitoring Officer.

## **5. HUMAN RESOURCES IMPACT**

- 5.1. There is no direct Human Resources impact as a result of this report.

## **6. EQUALITIES IMPACT**

- 6.1 An Equalities Impact Assessment has not been carried out in relation to the attached report. The report represents a personal opinion and does not require any formal decision.

## **7. DATA PROTECTION IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1. **WILL THE SUBJECT OF THE REPORT INVOLVE THE PROCESSING OF 'PERSONAL DATA'?**

No

- 7.2. The Director of Public Health comments that there are no data protection implications in relation to this report.

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### **APPENDICES:**

Appendix 1 - Let Autism Emerge from the Haystack, Councillor Jerry Fitzpatrick

### **BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:**

None