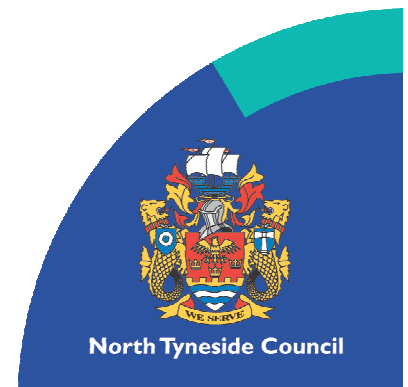


Presentation to Adult Social Care, Health and Wellbeing Sub-Committee

Autism Strategy - Update

4 July 2019

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Areas to cover

- Background and context
- Self assessment update
- Commissioning intentions for 2019/20
- Next steps
- Back to Committee on 7 November



Background

- Autism Act 2009
- DH – Fulfilling and rewarding lives, national plan (2010)
- DH – Think autism, update to national plan (2014)
- DHSC – Consultation on a review of the national autism strategy (2019)



Context

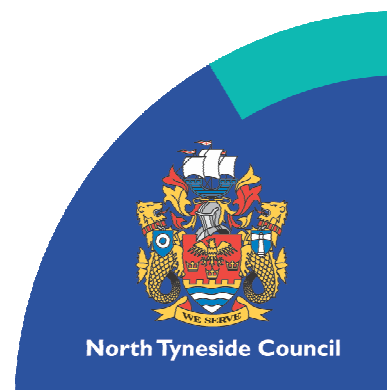
- Prevalence data would suggest 1% of the adult population is autistic – wide spectrum
- For North Tyneside adult population this would be approx 1500 people
- Adult social care supporting 86 people with either care and support services or a personal budget
- Split between 20 people – autism only and 66 people with autism and a learning disability



Focus of the strategies and plans

Overarching focus of supporting autistic people to have access to the right support and live full and inclusive lives as part of the local community.

- Strategic planning
- Training
- Diagnosis and support
- Access to services and community support
- Housing and accommodation
- Employment
- Criminal justice system



Links to transforming care

- National programme to get people out of long stay hospitals
- Covers people with a learning disability, behaviours that challenge and / or autism
- North Tyneside has progressed well to reduce numbers
- Its also about preventing admissions in the first place
- Continued focus and scrutiny...



Self assessment – North Tyneside

Strategic planning

- Good working links between LA and CCG
- Need to ensure autism is referenced in JSNA
- Autism is identified in commissioning plans
- Data is available to support commissioning intentions, though not on wider autism population

Training

- Training at different levels in place and available
- Multi-agency training plan



Self assessment – North Tyneside

Diagnosis and support

- New pathway in place to support assessment and diagnosis
- CCG to review this to reduce waiting times and to ensure provision is sustainable (with other CCG's)
- Pathway does not automatically trigger an offer of a Care Act assessment

Access to services and community support

- Increase in numbers getting an assessment
- Independent advocacy support in place
- Good information and advice



Self assessment – North Tyneside

Housing and accommodation

- Housing options and provision being developed as a response to the Housing Market Position Statement, ie Bonchester, Edwin Grove
- Housing providers are not reporting that staff have autism training

Employment

- Education to employment pathway reviewed
- SEND vocational study programme in place

Criminal justice system

- Need to re-establish links with key partners



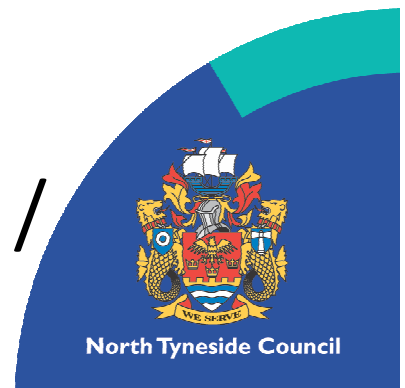
Commissioning intentions – 19/20

- Adult social care – develop all age North Tyneside Autism Strategy
- Children's Services – review of commissioning arrangements and provision, including education
- CCG – review of diagnostic pathway and work with local partners in North Tyneside to develop a system wide strategy for autism



Autism awareness event

- Autism awareness event – 12 September 2018
- Focus was on improving information and awareness of services and support for wider group of people with autism and their families / carers
- Mix of stalls and presentations
- Multi agency representation
- Focus on personal stories of success / challenges



Support from

- Local authority and NHS
- Carers centre
- Tyne met college
- Families First
- Friends Action North East
- Spectrum enterprises
- People with autism
- Parents / family members



Next steps

- Autism task and finish group being established
- Develop an all age autism strategy for North Tyneside
- Further report back to Adult Social Care, Health and Wellbeing Sub-Committee on 7 November
 - Consider what the committee would want to cover
 - How the committee can have an input

