

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

SCRUTINY OF HEALTH COMMITTEE

16 December 2022

All Age Autism Strategy update

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an update and timeframe for the North Yorkshire All Age Autism strategy.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 In 2015 North Yorkshire published the changing landscape of autism that consisted of the following themes: Support for people with autism and their families, assessment and diagnosis, raising awareness and training, information and signposting, employment and education, supporting people with autism through key life changes and working together. The timeline for this strategy was 2015-2020
- 2.2 A highlight report was produced in September 2019 that covered the impact of the strategy identifying the achievements and what still needs to be done.
- 2.3 The service development team at NYCC conducted engagement activities (438 people across the county who shared over 2,000 comments. This included approximately 130 autistic people.) which will help inform priorities for the new strategy.
- 2.4 CYP have conducted a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) Special Educational Needs and Disabilities 2020/21 and HAS have published a JSNA for Learning disabilities that includes autism.
- 2.5 In July 2021, the new national autism strategy for children, young people and adults and the linked autism action plan for 2021- 2026 were published.
- 2.6 The development of the new strategy will align with the existing statutory guidance on the autism act 2009 and the special education needs and disability code of practice 2015.
- 2.7 The timeframe for the new strategy is

November – Feb 2023 – Update report on last strategy 2020- 2022
December 2022 plan engagement activity, seek a provider
Jan 2023– appoint a provider for engagement
Feb – April 2023 – Engagement and JSNA content
May – July 2023 – review engagement and draft priorities
August – October 2023 draft strategy – share with partners, groups, check what we have heard from engagement
November – December 2024 – review draft
Jan – Feb2024 – formal consultation on draft strategy
March 2024 – Launch

This will give us time to gather the insight and hear the voice of autistic people living in North Yorkshire to ensure we set the correct priorities.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 That the Scrutiny Committee note the content of the presentation and timeframes.

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Appendix 1 – Presentation for content and proposal