



## Scrutiny of Health: 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024



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Live consultation webpage: [Autism strategy consultation | North Yorkshire Council](#)

# Today's meeting

- Overview of the draft strategy
- Present consultation aims, approach and participation rates to date
- Discussion and feedback from Members of Scrutiny of Health Committee to contribute to the consultation – please see [Autism strategy consultation | North Yorkshire Council](#)
  - What actions in the strategy are most important?
  - Are there any actions or areas missing?
  - What does success look like?
- Summary of next steps
- Future discussion with Scrutiny on consultation outcomes

# Our partnership in North Yorkshire

Working together to enable autistic people & their families to enjoy full, happy & healthy lives.

## Autistic children, young people, adults and their carers and families

### Health Services

Integrated Care Boards

Primary Care (GPs & Pharmacies)

Autism Diagnosis Services  
(provider is dependent on age / location)

General hospitals

Mental Health Community Services & Hospitals

### Council Services

Children and Young People's Services

Health & Adult Services

Housing

Stronger Communities

Libraries,  
Culture &  
Leisure services

Economic  
Development

### Key Partners

Providers of care,  
support and activities  
for autistic people  
and their families

Schools, colleges and  
other education and  
childcare providers

Health Watch North  
Yorkshire

Wider community  
and voluntary sector

Local Employers

Job Centre

Criminal and Youth  
Justice: Probation,  
Police, Youth  
Justice Service

Businesses and  
service operators  
in communities

# Working together to develop this strategy



- Led by the **North Yorkshire Autism Group** of partners
- With contributions from the **wider Autism network** of autistic people, carers, staff, partners and wider community services:

April - May 2023

- Autistic people & carers (72 attended)
- 8 events (local & virtual, 104 participants)
- 170 survey responses

July 2023

- Practitioners from across partner organisations
- 7 events, 104 people
- 2 partnership meetings, 40 people

Sept 2023

- Autistic people, carers, practitioners and partners together
- 7 action-planning sessions with 77 people participating



- Responding to local and national data and research
- Building on progress made under our previous strategy
- Responding to the [national strategy](#)




# What we want to achieve through our Joint all age Autism Strategy

**Autistic children, young people and adults and their families enjoy full, happy and healthy lives.**

## Our priorities

To achieve this ambition, we will work together on the following key priorities...



**Education & Preparing for Adulthood**




**Employment**



**Housing**



**Carers**



**Assessment, Diagnosis & Support**



**Health & Care**



**Criminal & youth justice**



**Inclusive Communities**

## Delivering our strategy

To help us to deliver our strategy, we will also focus on:

**Working together**

**Workforce**

**Data and research**

**Making best use of our resources**

# Public Consultation Aims

To invite feedback from autistic people, their carers and families, the general public, practitioners and partners on the draft strategy:

- **Strategy Content:** whether the actions reflect the main issues in North Yorkshire and if there's anything missing.
- **Prioritizing Actions:** which actions matter most and the order in which they should happen.
- **Measuring Success:** What success looks like, and how we measure it effectively.
- **Design:** How the draft looks and feels. And to share ideas or creative contributions for the design if wished
- **Working Together:** How we can continue to work together in partnership to deliver the strategy

# Public Consultation Approach

- **When:** 27th November 2023 to 15th March 2024 (12 weeks plus additional time due to Christmas – 16 weeks in total).
- **Who:** autistic people, their carers and families, the general public, practitioners and partners. Importance of feedback from diverse groups based on different prevalence, including hearing quieter voices.
- **What:**
  - Virtual launch event (attended by 16 steering group, 8 partners and 1 carer)
  - Surveys (online, and available in other formats as required) - mixture of scaled and free text questions to seek individual responses:
    - Full survey; Easy read survey; 2 surveys aimed at primary and secondary school age children)
  - Public events – Presentation and workshop (discursive / collaborative responses).
    - 7 in-person events, one in each locality
    - 3 online events including evening / weekend session
  - Visits to established groups - presentation and workshop (discursive / collaborative responses).
    - 8 sessions, including self-advocate groups for autism, neurodiversity and learning disabilities
  - Scrutiny of Health: 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023

# Public Consultation Participation to date (as at 26/02/24)

Survey participation		
Total participants to date...		<b>139</b>
... of which*:	Autistic People	51
	Carers	46
	Partner/professional	17
Completion rate:	Full survey	73
	Easy Read survey	41
	Primary School	12
	Secondary School	13

Event participation			
Type	Total dates held so far	Total participants so far	Further events still to be held
Publicly advertised consultation events	6	94	4**
Visits to established groups	2	26	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>11</b>

*\*\*For the 4 remaining public events, 43 people have so far registered.*

*\*Note some people may not have identified in any category or may have ticked more than one*

- Review of participation figures mid-January and end February to identify under-represented groups and agree actions to support proactive promotion of the consultation so that we hear from the quieter voices
- 1 event (Skipton) rescheduled due to adverse weather
- Format of public consultation events adapted after first session in response to feedback from autistic people and carers to make the session more welcoming and accessible
- In addition to the above, 2 Elected Ward Councillors have so far attended public events, which have also been supported by a total of 32 people across Steering Group members, facilitators and senior leaders from partner organisations to date
- There maybe some duplication in figures where people attended multiple events or attended an event and also completed a survey



# Next Steps

## Refinement and adoption

- Public consultation closes on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024
- Evaluate feedback – significant level of responses to analyse (qualitative and quantitative): due consideration
- Refine draft strategy and EIA (including Easy Read) and prepare consultation feedback report
- Identify priority actions and owners for year 1 delivery plan – based on feedback
- Develop strategy design including opportunity for co-produced artwork
- Approval to adopt strategy anticipated summer 2024

## Implementation

- Publish final approved strategy and annual delivery plan
- Quarterly monitoring with annual published update
- Further opportunities to work together with autistic people and carers – based on feedback

# Discussion and Feedback

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# Thank you

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