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Autism Spectrum Conditions

Business Priority Update: January 2017

Autism Spectrum Conditions was identified as a business priority for HWW at our Annual Conference. We will be carrying out this work from now until approximately March 2018.

Based on our previous engagement and feedback received, the main aims of this work will be -

1. Enable parent feedback to influence the re-design of neurodevelopmental diagnosis pathway and support and information available to families
2. Gather feedback about the quality of services for children and young people with Autism Spectrum Conditions, in particular CAMHS
3. Levels of awareness about Autism Spectrum Conditions and adjustments in services in Worcestershire
4. Gain feedback from adults with Autism and their families about their experiences of accessing diagnosis, services and support

Work with parents and carers of children with Autism Spectrum Conditions has been running since the summer.

In December we held our first Task and Finish Group meeting. The group has been set up to involve people with Autism Spectrum Conditions and their carers, together with voluntary groups in the county who are supporting and representing them, in the planning of our work on this issue.

Following the Task and Finish Group meeting, we have drafted questions to be sent to GPs, Health and Care Trust and Acute Trust, asking about the understanding of Autism Spectrum Conditions and adjustments made within their services.

These have been circulated to the Task and Finish Group, HWW Directors and Co-opted Board members for comments and amendments.

To be agreed by the Board -

Autism Spectrum Conditions - Questions for Health Service Providers