

NHS Sheffield Clinical Commissioning Group

**Working in Partnership to achieve
“Fulfilling and Rewarding Lives”
for people with autistic spectrum
conditions**

Who was involved?

NHS Sheffield CCG

- Senior Commissioning Managers
- GP Portfolio Lead
- Individual Funding Request GP lead

Local Authority

- Public Health Consultant
- Director of Commissioning
- Other senior staff from the Local Authority

Members of Autism Strategy Implementation Group

- National Autistic Society
- Experts by experience- people with ASC
- Family members
- Sheffield Health and Social Care Trust clinicians and managers

Developing the Sheffield autism service...a brief history of time!

Previous Attempts by health commissioners to get **funding for an autism service** hadn't been successful

Publication of the Autism Act and the national strategy "Fulfilling and Rewarding Lives" **presented a "call to action"**

Autism Strategy Implementation Group set up to as a partnership to progress with our local strategy - **added "voice" from experts by experience**

The Clinical Commissioning Group formed – **clinical support for the business case for an autism service from local GPs**

Recognition that we needed more than a diagnostic and assessment service – and there was **a need to develop a wider neurodevelopment service.**

Sheffield Adult Autism and Neurodevelopment Service

£500k Clinical Commissioning Group investment for a three years contract from October 2013:

- Specialist diagnosis and assessment
- Post diagnostic advice, interventions and information
- Advice and training to other health and social care professionals
- Support in accessing and maintaining contact with housing, educational and employment services
- Support to families, partners and carers where appropriate
- Support to people over 16 with autistic spectrum conditions and with associated neurodevelopmental conditions
- Support to the adult ADHD pathway (Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder)

Local Authority contribution:

- Assessment of Social Care Needs

Sheffield Health and Social Care Trust won the contract to provide

Sheffield Autism and Neurodevelopment Service (SAANDS)

To be made up of:

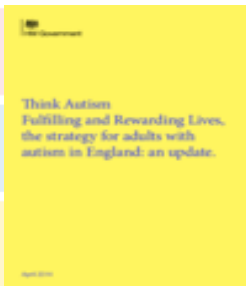
- Psychiatry
- Clinical Psychology
- Specialist Nurse/team Leader
- Occupational therapist
- Speech and language therapist
- Admin support
- Social Worker (funded by the Local Authority)

Recruitment ongoing.

Service will soon be fully operational over late spring/ early Summer 2014

What we still need to do in Sheffield

- Make sure that the views of people and their families are part of continuous development of the service
- Identify better the numbers of people with ASC for the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment
- Work out whether the service is of the correct size to meet future needs
- Make sure that the adult and children's service is provided in consistently to the later children's NICE guidelines
- Make sure that Sheffield responds as a city to the updated national autism strategy "Think Autism"



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