

Your Request:

- 1) Does Cheshire and Merseyside ICB and its local authorities that are part of Cheshire and Merseyside ICS have an agreed Learning Disability and Autism Strategy (3-5 year) for its Mental Health commissioning priorities?**
- 2) If yes or partial in Q1, does this strategy include the commissioning of diagnostic pathways for other neurodevelopmental conditions such as Autism and/or ADHD?**
- 3) If yes or partial in Q1, does the strategy pertain to adults (18+) only, or children only, or is the strategy all-age?**
- 4) Does Cheshire and Merseyside ICB have or intend to operate with a Lead Provider Model for the commissioning of its services (including diagnostic pathways) for Autism, ADHD and other neurodevelopmental conditions?**
- 5) If yes to Q4, what is the timeline for the implementation of a Lead Provider Model if it is not already in place?**
- 6) Does Cheshire and Merseyside ICB and Cheshire and Merseyside ICS have a Learning Disabilities and Autism Mental Health Provider Collaborative that oversees and/or advises on the clinical quality of the diagnosis of Autism, ADHD and/or other neurodevelopmental conditions?**
- 7) If yes to Q6, does this provider collaborative address outpatient community services?**
- 8) If yes to Q6, which organisations are involved?**
- 9) Within Cheshire and Merseyside ICB, or Cheshire and Merseyside ICS, or the Lead Provider of LDA diagnostic services (if applicable), is there an LDA Programme (system) Lead and/or Clinical Lead for Autism, ADHD or other neurodevelopmental conditions? What is their title?**
- 10) Does Cheshire and Merseyside ICB and its local authorities that are part of Cheshire and Merseyside ICS pool or align finances for the commissioning of its Autism or other neurodevelopmental services (for example under Section 75)?**
- 11) If no to Q10, do they intend to do so in the future?**
- 12) If yes to Q10, does the scope of this pooling include diagnostic pathways?**

Our Response:

1) Please find listed below the information held for the former CCG areas that now make up NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB in relation to the questions posed regarding autism, ADHD and neurodevelopmental conditions.

Cheshire

- 1) Yes.
- 2) Yes. However, does not include other conditions such as 'Attachment Disorder'.
- 3) All-age.
- 4) At present we have different providers and models across Cheshire who have been asked to work to a single NICE compliant pathway for Autism. For ADHD we have different providers.
- 5) n/a.
- 6) We have an Autism Clinical Network for Cheshire which is soon changing to a Neurodevelopmental Clinical Network.
- 7) No.
- 8) Please find listed below all local providers in Cheshire of Autism and ADHD assessment services:
 - East Cheshire NHS Trust
 - Cheshire and Wirral Partnership Trust
 - Mid Cheshire Hospital Foundation Trust
 - Countess of Chester Hospital
 - Space4Autism (pre and post diagnostic support)
 - ChAPS (pre and post diagnostic support)
- 9) Yes, Programme Lead for LD and Autism.
- 10) No.
- 11) No decisions made.
- 12) n/a.

Halton

- 1) No.
- 2) n/a.
- 3) n/a.
- 4) No.
- 5) n/a.
- 6) There is a provider collaborative. However, it does not currently oversee clinical quality of Autism, ADHD and/or other neurodevelopmental conditions.
- 7) n/a.
- 8) n/a.
- 9) Yes within Halton there is a Clinical lead – Mental Health, Learning Disability and Autism; and a Senior Commissioner Mental Health, Learning Disability and Autism, and Children.
- 10) No.
- 11) No decisions made.
- 12) n/a.

Knowsley

- 1) Knowsley Place has an All Age Autism Strategy; this includes the commissioning of diagnostic pathways for Autism and other neuro-developmental needs.
- 2) Yes.
- 3) All Age.
- 4) No decisions made.
- 5) n/a.
- 6) There is a Mental Health Provider Collaborative that oversees and/or advises on the clinical quality of the diagnosis of Autism, ADHD and/or other neurodevelopmental conditions.
- 7) Yes.
- 8) To be confirmed, as current membership is changing.
- 9) Within Knowsley place the lead for Autism, ADHD or other neurodevelopmental conditions is the Head of Commissioning for Mental Health and Learning Disabilities
- 10) No. There is currently no arrangement to pool or align finances for the commissioning of its Autism or other neurodevelopmental services.
- 11) Knowsley place currently has a section 75 arrangement which covers a number of adult services but does not include Autism or other neuro-developmental services. Section 75 arrangements are reviewed annually though there is no explicit intention to include Autism or other neurodevelopmental services at this stage.
- 12) n/a.

Liverpool

- 1) No. However, this is a currently a priority to be developed.
- 2) A Neurodevelopmental strategy is currently being discussed for development which will include ADHD.
- 3) An all age Neurodevelopmental strategy is currently being discussed for development.
- 4) No.
- 5) n/a.
- 6 - 7) There is currently a Mental Health, Learning Disabilities and Community provider Collaborative in development across Cheshire and Merseyside ICS however delegated responsibilities have not yet been agreed. At place there is currently a CYP Neurodevelopment Partnership operating.
- 8) Cheshire and Merseyside Mental Health Learning Disabilities and Community Provider Collaborative includes the following providers; Mersey Care NHSFT, Alder Hey Children's NHSFT, Cheshire Wirral Partnership NHSFT, Bridgewater NHSFT, Wirral community health and Care NHSFT, Countess of Chester NHSFT, East Cheshire NHS Trust, Mid Cheshire Hospital NHSFT, ST Helens an Knowsley Teaching Hospital NHSFT
- 9) Yes. Director of Quality, Outcomes & Improvement (Chief Nurse).
- 10) No.
- 11) No decisions made.
- 12) n/a.

Sefton

- 1) No.

- 2) n/a.
- 3) n/a.
- 4) Not currently. However, ADHD and autism services are commissioned locally.
- 5) n/a.
- 6) Yes we have a provider collaborative.
- 7) Yes.
- 8) Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust / Sefton Local Authority / Alder Hey Children's Hospital.
- 9) Yes, Associate Director for LD and Autism.
- 10) No. However, support packages are being commissioned under Section 75.
- 11) No decisions made.
- 12) n/a.

St Helens

- 1) There is an all-age autism strategy and the SEND strategy for Children & Young People (CYP) that makes reference to emotional wellbeing and mental health. There is the overarching Transforming Care Programme (TCP) at ICB level through to St Helens Place. For children the mental health strategy at Place and ICB is through the Logic Model which includes Neurodiversity needs.
- 2) ICB TCP for CYP is reviewing the commissioning of diagnostic pathways. At St Helens Place we have the CYP Neuro Diverse Pathway for neurodiverse needs. We also commission an Adult ADHD service.
- 3) As noted, we have an all-age autism strategy and the ICB has a Transforming Care Board.
- 4) Not at present.
- 5) n/a.
- 6) Not at present.
- 7) n/a.
- 8) n/a.
- 9) Not at present.
- 10) No.
- 11) No decisions made.
- 12) n/a.

Warrington

- 1) No.
- 2) n/a.
- 3) n/a.
- 4) No.
- 5) n/a.
- 6) There is a Community, Mental Health and Learning Disability provider collaborative. However, it does not oversee clinical quality of Autism, ADHD and/or other neurodevelopmental conditions.
- 7) n/a.
- 8) n/a.
- 9) Yes, Warrington has a Clinical lead for Mental Health and Learning Disabilities; Head of Commissioning – Mental Health, Learning Disabilities and Dementia; and Commissioning Lead – Maternity, Children & Families.

10) Warrington has an Autism in Schools Pilot Programme which is jointly funded between Warrington Place and Warrington Borough Council.

11) n/a.

12) n/a.

Wirral

1) No.

2) n/a.

3) n/a.

4) No decisions made.

5) n/a.

6) No.

7) n/a.

8) n/a.

9) Yes, head of Commissioning for Learning Disabilities & Autism.

10) No.

11) No decisions made.

12) n/a.