

Summary of Portsmouth Autism Strategy & Action Plan

Strategy Area	Examples of what we will change
1. Clear and consistent care and support pathways for Children	Improving experiences of accessing a diagnosis and the support available afterwards.
2. High quality, schools and other education places	Make sure we have enough specialist provision, and also good support in mainstream schools.
3. Access a range of information, advice, guidance and support	Make sure the Local Offer Ensure includes all of the support available for children, young people, parents and carers.
4. Transition	Better planning for, and experiences of, moving from childhood to adulthood - including in Education Health and Care Plans.
5. Training for staff and professionals	Create a range of training for staff to access - from autism understanding through to more in-depth training on how to make reasonable adjustments. Promote Autism Ambassadors.
6. Support for families and carers	Families and Carers of autistic people know what support they can access, and how to do so.
7. Improving health outcomes and access to health services	Work with partners to improve information on health services available, how to access them, and to improve how services understand and treat autistic people - including Mental Health.
8. Diagnosis & Support (Clear and consistent care and support pathways for Adults)	Reduce waiting times for diagnosis and more closely link the pathway with Social Care assessments.
9. Helping people to stay well and preventing crisis	Develop preventative, low level supports and services to keep people independent - including peer support.
10. Employment	Autistic people are supported to find and retain employment, and employers have more knowledge and understanding of autism - including the benefits of employing an autistic person.
11. Living Independently	Housing plans include the needs of autistic people, housing officers and landlords have a better understanding of autism via training/ambassadors.
12. Community & relationships	Improve the general public's understanding of autism & help reduce social isolation in autistic people.
13. Keeping Safe	Autistic people know about different types of abuse and neglect and the support available to them. Professionals have a better understanding of autism.
14. Criminal Justice System	Professionals working in the criminal justice system have a better understanding of autism and the support available to them.
15. Being listened to	Autistic people and their carers have the opportunity to be involved in the development of plans, services and training programmes via the Portsmouth Autism Community Forum.