

Template for Ad Hoc Scrutiny Panel into local services for Autistic Spectrum Condition

<p>1. Matter for scrutiny and reason why raised</p>	<p>To examine local services for people with Autistic Spectrum Condition (ASC) against national guidelines and policy.</p> <p>(Raised to clarify where leadership responsibilities rest, and better define commissioning and funding arrangements)</p>
<p>2. Importance of the matter and relation to Council's strategic priorities and policies</p>	<p>According to DoH (Better Future consultation) there are estimated to be 2,500 ASC people in the city, a proportion of whom will have occasional or ongoing unmet needs for health/social services. The combined Adult Social Care & Housing Directorate budget is the BHCC's largest, amounting to £76.4m for 2010/11. Addressing unmet need may affect the call on public finances.</p> <p>Of the Council's corporate priorities four are met;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • better use of public money • reduce inequality by increasing opportunities • fair enforcement of the law • open and effective city leadership
<p>3. If scrutiny is requested on the basis of a deficiency in the decision making process, evidence that decision not properly made</p>	<p>N/A</p>

<p>4. Potential benefits of a scrutiny activity</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better access and signposting to services • Fairer access and greater equality for all to services • Increased clarity of provision arrangements • Enhanced staff training • Spending efficiency through review
<p>5. Other avenues tried and extent to which attempts have been made to resolve the matter</p>	<p>The matter was recently raised at the Joint Commissioning Board where greater clarity was sought over which agency had responsibility for local services for people with Autistic Spectrum Condition.</p> <p>Subsequent conversations with the Director of Social Care suggest that the current arrangements would benefit from greater clarity.</p>
<p>6. Any other considerations or relevant information: (e.g. an indication of the desired outcome, relevant evidence, suggested witnesses etc)</p>	<p>Desired outcomes;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • clarify where leadership responsibilities rest, • better define commissioning and funding arrangements • Maximise commissioning effectiveness • Prepare and advise re the ASC Local Plan <p>Suggested witnesses/evidence providers;</p> <p>Aspire Assert BHCC Housing Homeless Vulnerable People team BHCC – Integrated Learning Disability Mrs Sarah Brown Prof Hugo Critchley – Neural Behavioural Clinic Mrs Maggie Darling National Autistic Society PCT (Geraldine Hoban) SPFT (Richard Ford) SPFT – Access Team Service users</p>

7. Suggested type of scrutiny/terms of reference for in-depth review	Ad hoc panel See attached suggested scoping diagram
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