

Appendix 1 - Adult Autism Diagnostic and Intervention Team

Data on numbers of people locally living with autism¹

- § Estimated adult population with autism – 1,990
- § Number of people with autism confirmed on GP registers - 348
- § Pupils with Statement of Need (SEN) having Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) as most prevalent condition - 296
- § In transition from children's to adult services with autism – 29 pupils
- § Number of young people with ASD moving from children's into adult services in next 10 year period – 130

Team Disciplines

- § Social Work*
- § Speech and Language*
- § Psychology*
- § Post Diagnostic Support*
- § Psychiatry* (Clinical Lead)
- § Administration

*All trained in autism diagnosis

Access

- § The service will be available to Tower Hamlets residents aged eighteen and over
- § Access could be through a GP or other health professional, school or college, social care, carers or self-referral
- § It is envisaged that the individual will be assessed through a "triage" service and support offered dependent on need
- § Service provision for individuals will be reviewed in line with goals/aspirations agreed at initial assessment.

Positive Impact

1. Service able to offer a local diagnostic service
2. Three year contract offers potential for an established service within the local health economy which will maximise local diagnostic offer
3. Close links with Public Health via Autism Project Team to review and assess service outcomes based on quality of life indicators

¹Tower Hamlets JSNA Autism Factsheet: http://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/lgs/701-750/732_jsna.aspx

<u>Risks</u>	<u>Mitigating Actions</u>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Limited post diagnostic and specialist intervention support available 2. Potential for limited access to service with waiting lists / high entry criteria 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Working closely with existing commissioned providers to develop post diagnostic support available and review of contract at end of year one operation 2. Close monitoring of service throughput in first 3, 6 and 9 months of operation to ensure quality standards and open referral are able to be maintained with resources available