

1. Support for people with autism and their families

autism matters

What we said we would do

We said that we would make sure good support is available for people on the autism spectrum and their carers. This includes actively speaking to people about what support they need and making sure that mental health staff can identify the mental health needs of people with autism.

What we did

- Developed a strength-based approach to assessments
- Reviewed the Best Practice Guide and Tool for adult social care staff carrying out an assessment
- Developed an improved prevention offer including the Living Well service
- Developed the Safe Places Scheme
- Reviewed the Autism Champions' role across the Council and developed the role of Practice Advisor in Health and Adult Services
- Increased the number of Cygnet training courses offered to parents
- Developed a range of activity-based groups for children with disabilities, including those with autism

What we still need to do

- Ensure mental health staff are able to identify the needs of people on the autism spectrum, including children and young people.