

Reference: FOI.ICB-2223/115

Subject: Mental Health Services

*I can confirm that the ICB **does hold the information requested**; please see responses below:*

QUESTION	RESPONSE
<p>I am currently researching Mental Health Services as they pertain to diagnostic and treatment services of Autism, ADHD, and other neurodevelopmental conditions. I would be grateful if you could provide the information requested below (as per the Freedom of Information Act) as it relates to your Integrated Care Board.</p>	
<p>1. Does Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB and its local authorities that are part of Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICS have an agreed Learning Disability and Autism Strategy (3-5 year) for its Mental Health commissioning priorities?</p>	<p>Yes.</p>
<p>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?</p>	<p>Yes – the diagnostic pathway and support for ASD is recognised within our strategy and there are currently commissioned services for both CYP and Adults.</p> <p>There is a diagnostic pathway for ADHD within our mental health provider, but this is not recognised in our existing MH&LD strategy. This is currently being refreshed.</p>
<p>3. If yes or partial in Q1, does the strategy pertain to adults (18+) only, or children only, or is the strategy all-age?</p>	<p>All-age.</p>

<p>4. Does Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire 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?</p>	<p>There is no lead provider model in place at present for Autism, ADHD or any other neurodevelopmental conditions.</p>
<p>5. If yes to Q4, what is the timeline for the implementation of a Lead Provider Model if it is not already in place?</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>6. Does Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB and Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire 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?</p>	<p>Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Integrated Care Board (BNSSG ICB) has a Learning Disability & Autism Board that oversees the planning and performance of services across the ICB footprint.</p> <p>Clinical quality of diagnoses related to ASD, ADHD and/or any other developmental conditions is overseen by providers. Any concerns re: quality and/or variation outside of what is set out in service specifications and clinical guidelines would be addressed via regular quality / contract management meetings between the ICB and provider organisations.</p>
<p>7. If yes to Q6, does this provider collaborative address outpatient community services?</p>	<p>Outpatient / follow-up services would be managed under the process outlined in Question 6.</p>
<p>8. If yes to Q6, which organisations are involved?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust (AWP) • Sirona care and health • BNSSG ICB

<p>9. Within Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB, or Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire 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?</p>	<p>The ICB system leadership for all elements of the planning, delivery and performance of LD/A diagnostic services sits with the Director of Performance and Delivery and the Chief Nurse.</p> <p>The clinical leads of each diagnostic service are Consultant Psychiatrists.</p>
<p>10. Does Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB and its local authorities that are part of Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICS pool or align finances for the commissioning of its Autism or other neurodevelopmental services (for example under Section 75)?</p>	<p>There is no s75 agreement in place for the commissioning of autism or other neurodevelopmental services. The healthcare element of services is commissioned from the LD/A budget allocated to the ICB by NHS England. Whilst there are no joint funding arrangements in place, services are planned in conjunction with local authorities in order that the system can meet its statutory responsibilities under the Autism Act.</p>
<p>11. If no to Q10, do they intend to do so in the future?</p>	<p>There are no current intentions to pool funding for the commissioning of these services at present.</p>
<p>12. If yes to Q10, does the scope of this pooling include diagnostic pathways?</p>	<p>N/A</p>

The information provided in this response is accurate as of 1 December 2022 and has been approved for release by Lisa Manson, Director of Performance and Delivery for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.