

All-Age Autism Strategy

What we have delivered so far
April 2023 - Present (October 2024)



STOCKPORT
METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Published Stockport's first all-age Autism Strategy

Re-established Autism Partnership Board and appointed a lived experience co-chair

Published Stockport's Autism Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA)

Established quarterly engagement sessions to engage with the autistic community



Understanding & Acceptance

Recruited 2 lived experience experts to co-create and deliver neurodiversity training to local businesses in Stockport

Piloting neurodiversity sensory kits in 15 locations across Stockport to improve access to services

Co-delivered neuro-affirmative language learning circle for Stockport Family staff

Recruited Early Years staff to access the train the trainer course for Early Years Riding the Rapids

Co-produced 'Understanding your Neurodivergent young person' course for parents and carers



Education

Delivered training to school staff on creating and using one page profiles

Co-produced and co-delivered Neurodiversity assembly for primary and secondary schools

Updated and rolled out transition resources for children and young people

Co-produced part-time timetable guidance for parents and carers

Co-produced school sensory audit checklist, now being rolled out across Greater Manchester

Delivering Neurodiversity in Education Programme (Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS) and Neurodiversity in Schools (NDIS))

Co-produced and co-delivered 'Understanding Autism' and 'Enabling Environments' training to all school staff from the 'Neurodiversity in Education Programme'



Employment

Created work profiles for neurodivergent Stockport Family staff, which is now general practice via the 'Working Well Passport'

Set up an neurodevelopmental support group for Stockport Council staff

Created a webpage on the council website to outline employment information, guidance and avenues of support for autistic people in work and seeking work



Health

Rolling out a support while waiting initiative including webinars for parents and carers of topics identified by them

Piloted Neuro-profiling Tool with families across 8 areas to screen young people and produce an action plan of support. Shared findings with Greater Manchester colleagues and co-produced final tool

Launched 'Coffee & Connect' sessions for parents and carers to discuss concerns with our multi-agency team

Re-structured children's Autism Team to become the Neurodevelopmental Team to incorporate both pre and post diagnosis

Trained lived experience trainers to co-deliver the Oliver McGowan Mandatory Training

Carried out SACS-R and I-Basis projects and trained staff to use screening tool as part of the universal offer

Created Neurodevelopmental Padlets to showcase local and wider support, training, resources and events

Weekly drop-in sessions ran by Disability Stockport and Adult Social Care

Developed a parent/ carer 'Exploring Neurodiversity' course and a post-diagnostic 'Exploring Autism' course



Housing

Organised a workshop to develop a multiple disadvantage tool

Collected lived experience case studies to inform our work

Began collecting data required to create an action plan to work toward our priorities



Criminal Justice

Created a webpage on the council website to outline Criminal Justice information, guidance and avenues of support for autistic people who may come into contact with the criminal justice system as either a witness or someone who has been accused

Co-produced a bespoke training package on neurodiversity and policing to co-deliver to 400 police staff

Completed a sensory audit of Cheadle Heath Custody Suite and recommended changes

Relevant links



[Our Autism Strategy](#)



[ND Support Padlet - Early Years](#)



[Autism JSNA](#)



[ND Support Padlet - Childrens](#)



[Employment webpage](#)



[ND Support Padlet- Adults](#)



[Criminal Justice webpage](#)