



## Oxfordshire's Big Plan for Autism 2013 – 2017

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### What is Autism?

People with autism have difficulty with communication, relationships, imagination, sensory and social issues.



### Our Vision: what we are trying to achieve

We want...

...to support children and young people with autism so they:

- can lead healthy and safe lives
- have the opportunity to develop the skills and confidence they need to achieve their full potential

...to support adults with autism to:

- be independent
- have choice and control so they can live ordinary lives
- voice their opinions and experiences to make sure that services meet their individual needs

...to support carers of people with autism





...to provide the best possible services:

- at the earliest time in life
- based on best evidence
- within the money available
- giving best value for the public

## Autism diagnosis and signposting

**We want to...**

Make sure people, who may have autism, can get:

- a diagnosis in good time
- information and advice about autism
- a choice about help and support they might need



**In 2013 – 2014 we will**

- develop better ways of organisations working together
- make sure the way to get help and support is clear and the same for everyone
- know what training staff need to support people with autism





## Support for children and families

### We want to...

Make sure all children and young people with autism, and those who help and support them, can get expert advice and support.



### In 2013-2014 we will...

- set up support for pre-school children and their parents after checking the Early Years Autism Project is working well
- help more children through therapeutic support
- improve choices in college and work



## Living a fuller life

### We want to...

Develop a range of supports for adults with autism to help them live a fuller life, especially things like employment.



### In 2013-2014 we will...





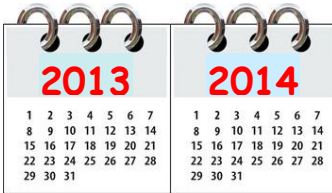
- think about choices for meaningful activities, including voluntary and paid employment
- try to develop services in Oxfordshire for those adults with autism who want to live locally
- make sure information for families and carers is easy to understand and easy to get hold of



## Training and awareness

### We want to...

Help everyone understand autism and support staff to work better.



### In 2013-2014 we will...

- agree what training is needed and start making the Training Plan happen
- make our Autism Partnership Board an example of how we can work together well



## Keeping it going

### We want to...

Make sure Oxfordshire County Council and Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group can:



- show they can do all the things in this plan
- manage with the money that we have for this plan



### In 2013-2014 we will...

- develop a better connection with the Oxfordshire Health and Wellbeing Board
- make sure that the plan for Oxfordshire's health and social care services includes the needs of people with autism



We have listened to what people have told us.

These are the things that we think are the correct actions.



The actions follow what Government and other important organisations say we should be doing.

We think these actions will make good use of the money we have.

The Oxfordshire Big Plan for Autism says the following areas are the most important. Please tell us how much you agree with each of them?

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
<p><b>Autism Diagnosis and signposting</b></p> <p><b>We want to:</b></p> <p>Make sure people who have autism, can get:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a diagnosis in good time</li> <li>• information and advice about autism</li> <li>• a choice about help and support they might need</li> </ul>					
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<p>the things in this plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>manage the money that we have for this plan</li> </ul>					

**Anything else to say?**

If you have anything else to say about the Oxfordshire Big Plan for Autism please tell us here:



Please return your survey to:

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