



Humber and North Yorkshire
Health and Care Partnership

Quality Update to the Board
May 2023

Areas of focus

- Summary of the Quality Committee meeting held on Thursday 27th April 2023
- A national framework to deliver improved outcomes in all-age autism assessment pathways: Guidance for integrated care boards

Quality Committee meeting 27th April 2023

The following is a high level summary of the Quality Committee meeting held on 27th April 2023. Due to the short timeline between the meeting and Board, the full Board Quality Committee report will be shared at the next Board meeting.

Agenda items included:

- Quality Committee Terms of Reference; Annual Report and Effectiveness Review
- ICB Policies
- Implementation of PSIRF at HUTH
- Modern Slavery Statement – Board action required
- Significant quality issues by exception
- Domestic Abuse and Serious Violence

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Assurance – recommendations; actions; escalations:

Quality Committee Terms of Reference; Annual Report and Effectiveness Review

Approved

Policies

Assurance was provided that the policies presented had been through an appropriate review process. It was noted that additional approval will be sought for financial approval via the Executive Directors to support the policy. The Quality Committee recognised the quality and safety impact of not supporting and would want to see the opportunity cost and any risks in not implementing if it were not supported financially.

Implementation of the Patient Safety Incident Response Framework (PSIRF) at HUTH

HUTH are one of the pilot providers for the implementation of PSIRF. A presentation provided members with an update on their implementation plans.

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Modern Slavery Statement (Board action required)

A commercial organisation is required to publish an annual Modern Slavery statement which sets out how the organisation complies with the Modern Slavery Act 2015. NHS Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care Board (ICB) provided the Committee with a statement in respect of its commitment to, and efforts in, preventing slavery and human trafficking practices in the supply chain and employment practices. The Quality Committee confirmed that the Modern Slavery Statement met the requirements of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 and approved the statement. The statement will be published on the Board website following Board approval.



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Significant Quality Issues

The Committee were sighted on a number of significant quality concerns across the ICB and they were assured on the actions being taken.

Domestic Abuse and Serious Violence

Members were updated on the ICBs new legislative and strategic framework and duties in relation to the Serious Violence Duty.

A national framework to deliver improved outcomes in all-age autism assessment pathways:

Guidance for integrated care boards

NHS England have developed two documents to support integrated care boards (ICB). These documents are intended to help people in commissioning, clinical, management, lived experience and administrative roles, to make decisions to deliver high quality autism assessment pathways. The [national framework](#) sets out general principles to be applied during the **commissioning cycle** for an autism assessment offer and an [Operational guidance](#) that places general principles in operational context in terms how they can be applied

Context

Demand has risen rapidly over the past 20 years, with investment not keeping pace with this growth.

Improvements need to be made to the amount of time a person has to wait for an assessment, and therefore treatment; the quality of information and support provided; the ease and efficiency with which people transition through the pathway; and reducing people's uncertainty about the process

The NHS Long Term Plan outlines that changes are needed in the whole NHS by 2029, to best support autistic people to lead happier, healthier, and longer lives, including:

- Reduce waiting times for specialist services
- Achieving timely diagnostic assessments in line with best practice guidelines
- Together with local authority children's social care and education services as well as expert charities, we will jointly develop packages to support children with autism or other neurodevelopmental disorders.

Suggested actions for the ICB:

- Check that people of all ages can access an autism assessment in the area.
- Address gaps in autism assessment provision for particular groups (for example, people with an intellectual disability, or people in inpatient NHS or independent hospitals or services, at residential schools and colleges, or in prison).
- Decide at an ICS level whether standardised referral processes across services have merit (for example, single point of access, an online form, shared templates).
- Develop protocols for how people and their family/carers can access pre- and post-assessment support if seen for an autism assessment by an external provider, including independent providers.
- Indicate what types of autism-relevant training is available for professionals working across services in the ICS.
- Identify who holds responsibility for periodically evaluating that information listed remains up to date.

ICB Responsibilities

- To use these documents to work with other organisations that may provide some of the autism assessment offer in their integrated care system (ICS) footprint.
- Accountability for the commissioning of assessment services, although it may transfer the commissioning responsibility to another organisation.
- It is for every ICB to determine need for its population, to commission and procure accordingly.
- Consider assessment of need alongside review of available service provision, and to agree how to prioritise resources so that as much as possible can be provided for the local population.
- Ensure that professionals in a commissioning role work with partners so that services are designed and delivered in line with agreed priorities