



Oxfordshire's Big Plan for Autism 2013 – 2017

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 information

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 the 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
- make sure all staff that support people with autism, are trained about autism and know how people with autism can get help and support



- support carers of children, young people and adults 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...

- plan how to set up more support for pre-school children and their parents after checking the Early Years Autism Project is working well
- give more children support that meets their individual needs
- support young people as they become adults
- improve choices in college and work
- provide services in Oxfordshire for children and young people with autism to stop them having to live out of the area





Living a fuller life

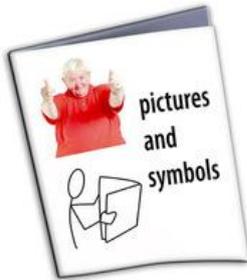
We want to...

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



In 2013-2014 we will...

- think about choices for activities that suit individuals, including voluntary and paid work
- 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 sure all people working for the County Council and Health Service are offered training about autism
- 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 better ways of working 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



The Big Plan is based on what people have told us.



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

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

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