



Haverling
LONDON BOROUGH

Our plan to make things better for
people with Autism.

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Easy read

Who we are



We are Havering council.

We make sure that people in Havering get the services they need, like



- care and support
- schools
- clean and safe streets.

Our vision

Our vision is what we want to happen in the future.

Our vision for Havering is

- our services will be some of the best in London
- all people in Havering will feel included in the choices that are made about our services
- all people will have the chance to make choices about the way they live their lives.



What this plan is about

This plan is about making these things happen for people with Autism in Havering.

There are over 2300 people with Autism in Havering.

Only some of these people are getting support.

We want to have better information about people with Autism in Havering so we can make sure that they are getting the services they need.

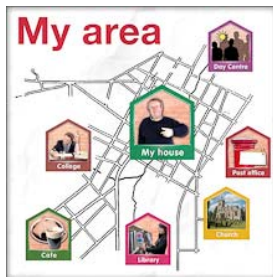


Our plan

We want to change services so people with Autism



- have more choice over the support they get



- can use services in their local area



- can live their lives the way they want to.



We have £100,000 a year for the next 2 years to spend on this plan.

We want to use some of this money to pay someone to help make the plan happen.



Our Plan

There are 4 main things that we want to do by April 2013. They are



1. Teach people like doctors and social workers more about Autism so they know how to support people in a better way.



2. Get better at knowing when someone has Autism and finding out what support they need.



3. Make it easier for people with Autism to use services in their local area.



4. Make sure that people get the support they need when they are going through changes in their lives. Like

- if they move from school to college
- if they move out of their family home.



You can read more about these 4 things on the next pages.

More about our Plan



1. Teaching people more about Autism

We are going to make sure that everyone who works in healthcare or social services gets more training about Autism. This means people like doctors, nurses and social workers.



Training will help them support people with Autism in a better way.



We will ask people with Autism to help us with the training.



Some staff will be given lots of training so they become Autism experts.

More about our plan

2. Getting better at knowing when someone has Autism and finding out what support they need.

There is going to be a new set of rules about how to make sure people get the support they need.



We will put someone in charge of making sure these rules are followed in Havering.



We will make sure that every person with Autism is given an assessment of need. This is where we find out what support they need.



We will also make sure that carers are given an assessment if they want one. This is where we find out if the carer needs some support too.



We will make a website for people with Autism and their carers so they can find out more about the services that can support them.



More about our plan



3. Making sure people with Autism can use services in their local area.

We will find out what services there are at the moment and what is missing.

We will make sure that there are services to support people to

- find work
- do things for themselves as much as possible
- get the healthcare they need
- join in with things in their local area.



Where possible we want people with Autism to use the same services as everyone else.



We will make sure that staff know more about autism. We will make sure that they are making changes to their services so people with Autism can use them.

More about our plan

4. Making sure people get the support they need when they are going through changes in their lives.



We will look at all the changes people may go through in their lives and think about the support they may need.



We will make sure that all young people in year 9 at school have a special meeting to talk about their future. This will help them make choices about what they want to do when they finish school.

We will look at how we can support young people to



- find work
- find a place to live
- get the healthcare they need
- join in with things in their local area.

More Information



This is not the final plan. We want to find out what people think before we make any of these changes.

If you want more information about this plan or you want to tell us what you think



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