

# Health and Wellbeing Board

March 2014

## Autism Self Assessment Framework

### Introduction and request to the Health and Wellbeing Board

We have been asked to complete the Autism Self Assessment Framework by Improving Health and Lives (IHAL), which is part of NHS England. This paper shows what we returned in December 2013. Validation from the HWB is an important part of the process and which we are now seeking.

**The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to look at the analysis and say whether it thinks it is a true reflection of services for people with Autism in Southend-on-Sea.**

*Attached is: Annex A: The Autism SAF return made in December 2013*

### How we have got here

The analysis has been compiled and produced by the Local Authority with input from the Commissioning Support Unit, on behalf of the Clinical Commissioning Group.

It has been discussed and validated by groups representing people with Autism, in this case, by the Southend-on-Sea group of SAFE. (Supporting Aspergers Families in Essex)

### Purpose of the Learning Disabilities Self Assessment Framework

The purpose of completing the Self Assessment Framework is to identify progress in relation to developing services for people with Autism. This is from actions around the Autism Act 2010.

The analysis produced and gaps identified will lead to the setting of actions that will improve aspects of provision and performance. These are actions across health and social care.

These actions are part and parcel of our draft Autism Spectrum Condition Strategy which is going to the March 2014 Cabinet of Southend-on-Sea Borough Council and following that, to the Health and Wellbeing Board during formal consultation.

### Comments on the Autism Self-Assessment-Framework

- There are some gaps in the data. This is where data has not been available, or we are not able to provide data in the way requested. We will be tackling this in the strategy mentioned above. We will also be tackling gaps in provision.
- The criteria that we have to use for giving ourselves a RAG rating is specific and detailed. We collected data in relation to the criteria and gave our judgement based on the evidence assembled. It was then discussed in detail and validated by SAFE. The Health and Wellbeing Board is the last part of the validation process.