

1. Support for people with autism and their families

What we said we would do

Make sure good support is available for people on the autism spectrum and their carers.

Actively speak to people about support they need.

Make sure mental health staff can identify mental health needs of people with autism.

What we did

New strength-based assessments

Reviewed the Best Practice Guide and Tool for staff doing assessments

Increased focus on prevention, including the Living Well service

Developed the Safe Places Scheme

Reviewed the Autism Champions role and developed HAS Practice Advisor role

More Cygnet training courses for parents

New activity-based groups for children with disabilities, including with autism

What we still need to do

Make sure mental health staff can identify the needs of people on the autism spectrum, including children and young people.

