

Question 6

Adult Neurodevelopmental Pathways

What progress has NHS Highland made to build service capacity and improve experiences for adults with neurodevelopmental differences, and when will your website include more helpful information on this subject?

Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership

In Argyll and Bute HSCP, we are developing a neurodiversity strategy for Argyll and Bute, which is guided by the Learning Disabilities, Autism and Neurodivergence Bill Consultation documents and the National Autism Implementation Team Report. Within adult services, we have recently recruited an Autism Diagnostic Practitioner and continue to work towards enhancing capacity to ensure appropriate support.

Highland Health and Social Care Partnership (HHSCP)

In Highland HSCP we are currently reviewing our pathways in relation to ADHD assessment in line with the National Autism Implementation Teams (NAIT) guidance and to ensuring that the recommended 4-level stepped care model is implemented. Highland have had an Adult Autism Assessment Service for some time, and we are currently considering the merging of both the ADHD and Autism assessment pathways to create a single service and will be consulting on this proposal. We continue to ensure that staff in other services are provided with training to ensure that the needs of people who are neurodivergent can be met.

We are also in the process of reviewing the information available on the NHS Highland website and will have updated information included early next year.