

Oldham's Autism Strategy

Easy Read



Who we are

We are part of Oldham Council.



What this plan is about

This plan is about people with autism and their families and carers in Oldham.

It is about making sure they get the right support for all of their lives.



We made this plan because of a new law called the Autism Act 2009.

Different parts of the Government are working together to make it happen.

Why do we need an Oldham Strategy?

The government says that every town needs to have a plan.

Oldham's Autism Strategy

Easy Read



A small group of people with autism, families and professionals in Oldham have been working on this plan



Now we want to ask more people in Oldham if they are happy with the plan we have made.

We want to ask people

Do we need to change the plan?



Do we need to add anything to the plan?

What we want to do

The plan will be for children, young people and adults who have autism and their families.



Oldham's Autism Strategy

Easy Read



Oldham



Joined up commissioning

This means managers and staff in the council and the health authority working together So that people with autism get better care and support.

Diagnosis and post diagnosis support

This means making sure people can get help to find out if they do have autism
And it means
Getting the right support if you do have autism

Getting the Right Support at the right time

This means people with autism having support to live a good life.

People with autism need different support at different times such as:

Relationships

Employment, volunteering and



Oldham's Autism Strategy

Easy Read



Training



Finances



Housing



Support for carers



Better information and awareness



This means
People with autism being known

Oldham's Autism Strategy

Easy Read



and included in the community

People with autism being safe in the community

People with autism having information about professionals who can help and services in the community

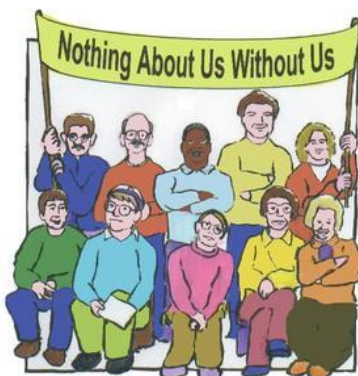


People with autism having information, advice and advocacy if and when they need it



When the plan is finished we need to make sure that the plan is happening. It will be checked by the Autism Way Forward Group.

This group will have to let other groups know what is happening so that we all work together.



Oldham Council want people with autism and their families to be involved in making this plan happen