

Autism Strategy

Tower Hamlets InterFaith Forum

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In Tower Hamlets, the JSNA for Adults with ASD (October 2016) indicates:

- 2,125 people aged 18-64 and 153 aged 65+ predicted to have ASD
- Approximately, 50% estimated not to have a Learning Disability
- Around 70% also meet diagnostic criteria for at least one other, often undiagnosed, condition
- 53 pre-school, 482 primary school, 266 secondary school age

The Aim of the Tower Hamlets Strategy is to meet the ambition of the National Autism Strategy:

“All adults with autism are able to live fulfilling and rewarding lives within a society that accepts and understands them. They can get a diagnosis and access support if they need it, and they can depend on mainstream public services to treat them fairly as individuals, helping them to make the most of their talents”

Intention:

To align Autism services in the borough with the National Autism Strategy, in particular:

- Increasing awareness and understanding, so that professionals and services are better equipped to support autistic people
- Developing a clear and consistent approach to diagnosis
- Improving support for people to live independently in the community
- Delivering on employment opportunities
- Working with local partners
- Improve the information we collected about autistic people

We have identified a number of Outcomes:

- **Objective One:** Help Autistic People to feel like part of their community
- **Objective Two:** Help people with Autism access good quality health and social care services
- **Objective Three:** Support autistic young people to transition into adulthood

- **Objective Four:** To raise people's skills and knowledge in relation to autism
- **Objective Five:** Help Autistic People to find and keep work
- **Objective Six:** Help Autistic People to live in good quality housing that meet their needs
- **Objective Seven:** Reduce and improve autistic people's interaction with the criminal justice system
- **Objective Eight:** Help those who care for friends and family with autism