

Appendix 1: Health Overview & Scrutiny Recommendation Response Pro Forma

Where a joint health overview and scrutiny committee makes a report or recommendation to a responsible person (a relevant NHS body or a relevant health service provider [this can include the County Council]), the Health and Social Care Act 2012 and the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013 provide that the committee may require a response from the responsible person to whom it has made the report or recommendation and that person must respond in writing within 28 days of the request.

This template provides a structure which respondents are encouraged to use. However, respondents are welcome to depart from the suggested structure provided the same information is included in a response. The usual way to publish a response is to include it in the agenda of a meeting of the body to which the report or recommendations were addressed.

Issue: Adult Autism and ADHD Services

Lead Cabinet Member(s) or Responsible Person:

- Matthew Tait (BOB ICB Chief Delivery Officer).
- Niki Cartwright (Director of Delivery, MH, LD, SEND and community, BOB ICB).

It is requested that a response is provided to each of the recommendations outlined below:

Deadline for response: Monday 2nd February 2026.

Response to report:

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Response to recommendations:

Recommendation	Accepted, rejected or partially accepted	Proposed action (including if different to that recommended) and indicative timescale.
For the ICB to urgently review and increase the annual assessment capacity for both autism and ADHD services to better reflect current demand and reduce potentially unsafe waiting times.	Partially accepted	We are working with Oxford Healthcare Foundation Trust to implement the new service model for Adult ADHD services and to implement a delivery plan and a detailed timeline. This will include clearing waiting lists and developing a demand and capacity plan.
For the development of a detailed timeline (and potentially a resource plan) for clearing the existing waiting lists, including the 2,229 adults awaiting ADHD assessments.	Accepted	We are working with Oxford Healthcare Foundation Trust to implement the new service model for Adult ADHD services and to implement a delivery plan and a detailed timeline. This will include clearing waiting lists.
To undertake a formal review of Right to Choose (RtC) expenditure and its long-term viability, with options for integrating RtC providers into core commissioning.	Accepted	The ICB has reviewed its RtC expenditure and as part of their new service model the aim is to integrate RtC provider into the service via the Single Point of Access.
For co-production to remain at the heart of the development of the All-Age Autism Strategy. It is recommended that there are clearly identified stakeholders to ensure that all complexities are represented.	Accepted	<p>Co-production is, and will remain, central to the development and delivery of the All-Age Autism Strategy and its associated work programmes. The Autism Improvement Board will be co-chaired by an Expert by Experience to ensure autistic voices remain integral to implementation.</p> <p>Engagement is supported through an established, open-membership stakeholder group comprising representatives from local authorities, health partners, the voluntary sector, and Experts by Experience, including Oxford Health NHS FT, BOB ICB, Oxfordshire County Council, OXPCF, Autism Champions and OUH. Membership continues to expand as new organisations are identified and invited to participate.</p>

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		<p>Wider community engagement remains a priority. The strategy was recently shaped through a co-produced event held on 4 December, attended by over 100 participants. The event demonstrated best practice in inclusive engagement and will inform the approach to future engagement activities. As set out in the strategy, we will continue to centre autistic voices by co-producing campaigns, events and communications that authentically represent a broad range of lived experiences. This aligns with one of the We Will statements in the strategy:</p> <p><i>Centre autistic voices and increase visibility by:</i></p>