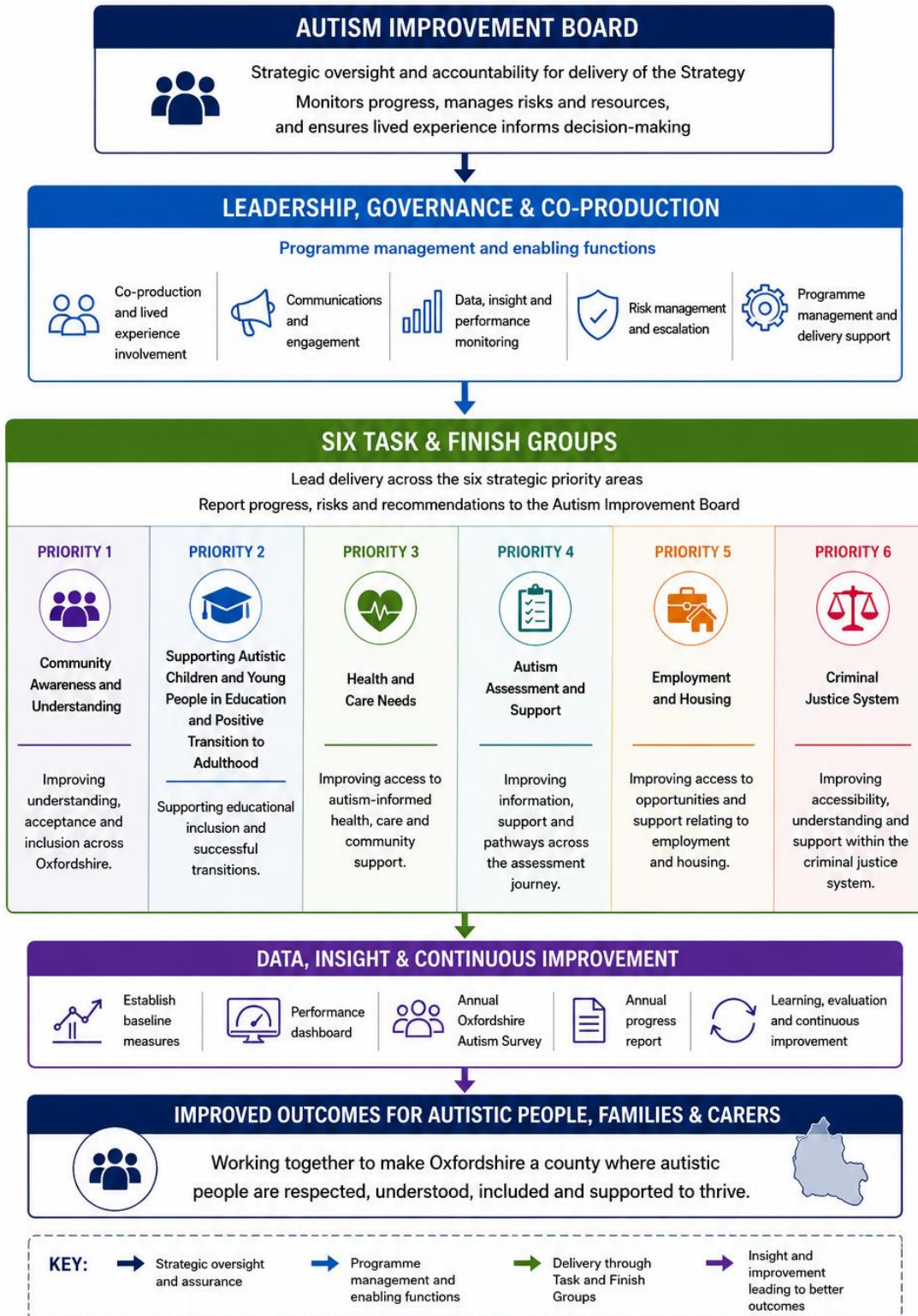


All- Age Autism Strategy – Overview and Year 1 Overarching Delivery Plan

OXFORDSHIRE ALL-AGE AUTISM STRATEGY 2026–2031

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW



CROSS-CUTTING FOUNDATIONS FOR YEAR 1

OBJECTIVE	MEASURE
 <p>Establish governance and accountability arrangements</p>	 <p>Autism Improvement Board and working groups operating with agreed governance arrangements</p>
 <p>Strengthen co-production and lived experience involvement</p>	 <p>Co-production arrangements reviewed and strengthened</p>
 <p>Develop performance monitoring and reporting</p>	 <p>Baseline measures agreed and annual Oxfordshire Autism Survey established</p>
 <p>Review resources and capacity required for delivery</p>	 <p>Capacity review completed and support requirements identified</p>
 <p>Establish communications and engagement arrangements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="778 1568 1289 1619">  Communications plan implemented <li data-bbox="778 1648 1241 1715">  Oxfordshire Autism Information Hub development progressed <li data-bbox="778 1738 1270 1805">  Social media channels established and actively maintained <li data-bbox="778 1832 1286 1933">  Regular public updates provided on Strategy delivery, engagement opportunities and information

Oxfordshire All-Age Autism Strategy

Year 1 Delivery Plan 2026/27

Purpose

This Year 1 Delivery Plan provides a clear implementation framework from a commissioning perspective, for the first twelve months of the Oxfordshire All-Age Autism Strategy. It is intended to support board-level oversight by setting out the initial priorities for delivery, the partnership arrangements needed to progress them, and the measures that will provide assurance on whether implementation is on track. The focus in year one is on establishing governance, confirming baselines, starting a limited number of high-value actions, and embedding co-production in delivery and review.

Governance and Assurance, Delivery Plan

Delivery should be overseen by the Autism Improvement Board, reporting through agreed partnership governance routes. In year one, the Board should focus on maintaining strategic oversight, confirming delivery ownership across partner organisations, ensuring that autistic people and carers are involved in decision-making, and reviewing progress against a small set of outcome and activity measures. Thematic task-and-finish groups can support delivery where detailed work is needed, but accountability for progress should remain clear and visible through a single reporting framework.

Delivery plan year 1 (Delivery plan to be overseen and supported by a project management resource)

Priority	Year 1 Focus	Lead partners	Timeline	Assurance measures
Governance	Confirm Autism improvement board TOR and reporting into routes	Joint chairs of the Autism Improvement Board	04/06/2026 to 31/08/26	TOR in place and board operating as expected
Governance	Set up sub-groups for the workstreams	Strategic Commissioner from Live and Start Well	04/06/2026 to 31/08/26	Confirmation that the chairs are allocated and sufficient support in place to ensure that all meetings are in the diary with agreed timelines
Governance	Agree co-design approach and membership arrangements	All sub-group Chairs	01/09/2026 to 31/08/26	Groups are functioning in a way that allows for input from all members

Governance	Develop baseline reporting template for each working group	Project Manager resource	30/06/2026 to 31/08/26	Templates in place and functioning
Governance	Develop a template TOR for the sub-groups	Derek Gravett-Smith Ruby Sweetman	04/06/2026 to 31/06/26	TOR templates in place ready for the first sub-group meetings to be booked in
All	Map existing training and awareness offers	Derek Gravett-Smith Ruby Sweetman Andrea Cochrane Kerrie Evans	04/06/2026 to 18/12/26	Existing training mapped with reports delivered to Autism Improvement Board
Community Awareness	Develop a plan for shared awareness and communication plan	Community Awareness sub-group chair	01/09/2026 to Ongoing	Plans agreed with Autism Improvement Board
Community Awareness	Begin rollout of the awareness and communication plan, this may be via a website or portal	Community Awareness sub-group chair	01/09/2026 to Ongoing	Rollout plan in place and resourced effectively
All	Review current information pathways	Derek Gravett-Smith Ruby Sweetman Andrea Cochrane Kerrie Evans	04/06/2026 to 18/12/26	Present information setting out what is currently in place to influence planning
All	Identify gaps and duplication from the review of pathways and training	All sub-group Chairs	01/09/2026 to 31/03/27	Updated plans based on the findings of the review of current pathways
Community Awareness	Agree improvements to communication and sharing of best practice and good pockets of work that are currently taking place	Community Awareness sub-group chair	04/06/2026 to 31/03/27	New systems in place for communicating

All	Identify immediate improvement opportunities, based on what is already available and on the statements within the autism strategy	All sub-group Chairs	31/08/2026 to Ongoing	Quick wins identified and implemented with report going to Autism Improvement Board
Governance	Agree escalation routes for issue from sub groups through to senior leadership members of organisations	Autism Improvement Board	04/06/2026 to 31/08/26	Firm well set out proven escalation routes in place to support the work of the sub-group chairs
Diagnosis/Confirmation	Start targetted pathway understanding, mapping and exploring improvement opportunitis	Diagnosis/Confirmation sub-group chair	04/06/2026 to 31/03/27	Plans are reported on for ways in which any improvements might be made to pathways with agreed deliverables
Community Awareness	Identify practical inclusion priorities for year one	Community Awareness sub-group chair	01/09/2026 to 18/12/26	Reported on inclusion priorities into the Autism Improvement Board for discussion and agreement
Housing and Employment	Link strategy delivery with wider community and employment initiatives	Housing and Employment sub-group chair	01/09/2026 to 18/12/26	Understand and report on what is already in place and how that currently maps to the deliverables in the strategy
Housing and Employment	Develop actions with partner organisations on accessability and inclusivity	Housing and Employment sub-group chair	01/09/2026 to 31/03/27	Reports developed with actions from the sub-group reported to Autism Improvement Board
DATA	Identify available data sources what is currently happening and map those against known deliverables from the strategy	Derek Gravett-Smith Ruby Sweetman	04/06/2026 to 18/12/26	Reports developed and fed back to the Autism Improvement Board with actions resulting from this work with any gaps

Deliver	Complete paperwork ahead of the Health and Wellbeing board	All	04/06/2026 to 12/06/26	Paperwork ready to be sent out to the Health and Wellbeing board ahead of the meeting on the 9th of July
Deliver	Attend Health and Wellbeing board for sign of to the draft strategy	Bhavna Taank	09/07/2026 to 09/07/26	Agreement in place to agree to the strategy being put into action
Launch	Create a lite version of the Autism Strategy	Strategic Commissioner Start Well	10/07/2026 to 31/08/26	Lite version in place ready for launch
Launch	Agree to a launch date and event after confirmation that the strategy has been agreed and is ready to be published	Autism Working Group	10/07/2026 to 31/08/26	All age autism strategy launched and made live on public websites

Immediate Next Steps

Board members are asked to note the proposed Year 1 delivery approach, confirm the governance and reporting arrangements for implementation, and support the early mobilisation actions needed to establish delivery in the first quarter. A more detailed operational tracker can then sit beneath this document for programme management purposes, with formal progress updates brought back through the agreed governance route.