

Report title: Autism Services	
Report to: Health Overview Policy and Scrutiny Committee	
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County Divisions affected: Not applicable	

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Chairman and Lead Members have requested that the Committee receive an update on how Autism services are being delivered across the County, especially during the middle of a pandemic. This introductory update is attached as described further below.

2. Action required

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to consider this report and identify any issues arising.

3. Background

- 3.1 The Committee requested a few months ago to receive an update on Autism services. As a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, this was delayed as a result of other pressing topics the committee wished to look into.

- 3.2 The agreed scope is set out below:

- Referral and diagnosis times
- Transitions between children and adult services
- The number of people across Essex affected by Autism
- The impact of Covid-19 on Children's Autism services.

The accompanying paper was put together collaboratively between the health service and Essex County Council, and officers from both will be in attendance on the day to present this report. has primarily supported the preparation of this item and provided the majority of the update however, Essex County Council officers will be in attendance on the day to present this update.

4. Update and Next Steps

See Appendices for update. See Action Required for next steps.

5. List of Appendices

Appendix A: Autism Services