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WQ 84549; WQ 84550; WQ 84551

Dear Jack,

You recently tabled the following written questions, my response is below for your attention.

Will the Minister confirm when the review into neurodevelopment conditions and a delivery plan will be published? (WQ84549)

Will the Minister outline the remit of the review into neurodevelopment conditions, and list the members on the review panel? (WQ84550)

Which external organisations have the Welsh Government consulted with on the neurodevelopment conditions review and the proposed delivery plan? (WQ84551)

In February 2021, Welsh Government commissioned an all age review of the Demand, Capacity and Design of Neurodevelopmental (ND) services. This review is being undertaken by People and Work, which has extensive experience of research in this area. The remit of the review is to better understand demand, capacity and design of services for children, young people and adults and identify where there are gaps in provision to help inform the development of the Neurodevelopmental Action Plan.

Phase one focused upon assessing the demand, capacity and design of services, engaging with a range of stakeholders, including existing services, autistic people and parents and carers, the Together for Children and Young People Programme (T4CYP), the National Autism Team, and the NHS Delivery Unit. This work included:

- interviews with over seventy stakeholders from ND services; the voluntary sector, policy makers and academics;
- interviews and questionnaire responses from over fifty people accessing ND services; and
- a desk-based review of data.

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This phase of the review culminated in two on-line stakeholder workshops in November 2021, to share and discuss the findings and consider initial options for improvement to services to be further explored in the second phase of the review.

Phase two involved establishing a working group to discuss the findings from phase one in more detail. Membership included representatives from Children's ND services and the Integrated Autism Service and local authority autism leads, The Together for Children and Young People Programme (T4CYP), the National Autism Team, the Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists, Cardiff University, the third sector, the Welsh Government, those with lived experience and their parents and carers.


The group has met twice, in December and then in January, discussing options for both short term actions and proposals for the development of long term sustainable services. The review will conclude in March, its findings and recommended options for improvement will be presented to Ministers for their consideration of the need for reform. A final version of the review report will be published this summer.

Building on the work to develop the statutory Code of Practice on the Delivery of Autism Services, which came into effect on 1 September 2021, and the subsequent demand and capacity review of neurodevelopmental services, this summer we will be publishing a draft Neurodevelopmental Action Plan for a 12 week public consultation. The draft plan will include autism and wider neurodevelopmental conditions such as ADHD and Tourette's syndrome and will set out our priorities for action.

This draft plan is being developed in collaboration with parents of children with neurodevelopmental conditions, third sector organisations and health and social care professionals. Our plan will also be informed by the results of the current demand and capacity review of neurodevelopmental services.

I hope this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely



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