

Public Locality Board Meeting – 23rd November 2011

Title of Report:	Commissioning Policy for adult Asperger's/autistic spectrum disorders
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Recommendations :	<p>This is a commissioning policy confirming the decision of the PCT not to fund assessment, diagnosis and treatment of adult Asperger's/autistic spectrum disorders</p> <p>EPEC is requested to recommend that this policy be adopted by the Board of the PCT.</p>
Summary of Report, Content and Purpose:	<p>Following the adoption of the Autism Act of 2009, it was required that the secretary of State publish a national strategy for adult autism. The national strategy document "<i>Fulfilling and Rewarding Lives</i>" was published in March 2010 and lays out the responsibility for commissioners of health and social care services to develop appropriate services to meet the needs of adults with autistic spectrum disorders. NICE are due to publish guidelines for the assessment and treatment of adults with autism in mid-2012 and commissioners will be expected to have appropriate services and pathways in place by the end of 2012/13. In order to meet this deadline, the PCT and council are currently developing a local strategy based on the requirements contained in the national strategy.</p> <p>Pending the completion of the local strategy for assessment and treatment of adult Aspergers/autistic spectrum disorders and the development of an agreed pathway for such cases, the PCT will not fund assessment, diagnosis or treatment related to these conditions. This position has been adopted to stop the development of a piecemeal service in advance of a structured response to the needs of this cohort of patients.</p> <p>Requests for funding such assessments, diagnoses and treatment made on the grounds of clinical exceptionality will be considered within the Individual Case Panel process</p>

View of the Extended Professional Executive Committee

Policy was considered by EPEC when it met on 4th November and recommended it should be adopted by the Board.

View of patients, carers or the public, and the extent of their involvement

Patients, carers and wider public have not been consulted.

Resource/Legal Implications:

No resource/legal implication

Outcome :

The Individual Case Panel will have a policy against which it can assess requests for funding for assessment, diagnosis and /or treatment of adult Asperger's/autism spectrum disorder.

Equality Impact Assessment [EIA] :

Indicate how the outcome of the EIA has influenced the development of the content and recommended outcomes in this report

1. *Is particularly group more likely to access these medicines/treatment and therefore be more likely to be effected by the changes?*

No specific group/cohort affected

2. *Is any group more likely to be effected by the health condition associated with these medicines/treatment?*

Condition not associated with a particular group/cohort

3. *Could the proposed changes have a particular positive or negative impact on a specific group? How can the changes be managed to minimise any negative impact?*

No specific group/cohort affected

4. *Does the policy limit medicines or access to treatment to particular groups (i.e. age relevant)?*

Again, no particular group or cohort affected

Impact on Health Inequalities

No change from current position

Clinical Quality Implications:

None noted.

Commissioning Policy

Commissioning of assessment, diagnosis and treatment for adult Asperger's/autistic spectrum disorder conditions

NHS Bolton has agreed that, pending the implementation of the local strategy on services for Asperger's/autistic spectrum disorder, assessments, diagnosis and treatment relating to these conditions will not be funded by the PCT.

Implementation

This decision applies to all requests to fund assessment, diagnosis and treatment for adult Asperger's/autistic spectrum disorder conditions. Requests to fund such assessments, diagnoses and treatments which are made on the grounds of clinical exceptionality will be considered through the Individual Case Panel process.

This policy will be implemented immediately upon adoption.

Date for review: September 2012

October 2011

Public Locality Board Meeting – 23rd November 2011

Title of Report:

Commissioning Policy for adult attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)

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Recommendations :

This is a commissioning policy confirming the decision of the PCT not to fund assessment, diagnosis and treatment of adult attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)

The Locality Board is requested to adopt this policy.

Summary of Report, Content and Purpose:

The PCT does not believe that the funding of adult ADHD services is a commissioning priority and, as a consequence it will not fund assessment, diagnosis and treatment of for adults requesting access to such services.

It should be noted, however, that the PCT has recently agreed an approach for handling the ongoing treatment and support for those people diagnosed with ADHD in childhood who, having reached the age of 18, are moving from child and adolescent mental health services (CAMHS) to adult services.

Requests for funding for newly-presenting adult patients to access assessments, diagnoses and treatment made on the grounds of clinical exceptionality will be considered within the Individual Case Panel process

View of the Extended Professional Executive Committee

Policy was considered by EPEC when it met on 4th November and recommended it should be adopted by the Board.

View of patients, carers or the public, and the extent of their involvement

Patients, carers and wider public have not been consulted.

Resource/Legal Implications:

No resource/legal implication

Outcome :

The Individual Case Panel will have a policy against which it can assess requests for funding for assessment, diagnosis and /or treatment of adult ADHD

Equality Impact Assessment [EIA] :

Indicate how the outcome of the EIA has influenced the development of the content and recommended outcomes in this report

1. Is particularly group more likely to access these medicines/treatment and therefore be more likely to be effected by the changes?

No specific group/cohort affected

2. Is any group more likely to be effected by the health condition associated with these medicines/treatment?

Condition not associated with a particular group/cohort

3. Could the proposed changes have a particular positive or negative impact on a specific group? How can the changes be managed to minimise any negative impact?

No specific group/cohort affected

4. Does the policy limit medicines or access to treatment to particular groups (i.e. age relevant)?

Again, no particular group or cohort affected

Impact on Health Inequalities

No change from current position

Clinical Quality Implications:

None noted.

Commissioning Policy

Commissioning of assessment, diagnosis and treatment for adult attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)

NHS Bolton has agreed that assessments, diagnosis and treatment relating to adult ADHD will not be funded by the PCT.

Implementation

This decision applies to all requests to fund assessment, diagnosis and treatment for adult attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). Requests to fund such assessments, diagnoses and treatments which are made on the grounds of clinical exceptionality will be considered through the Individual Case Panel process.

This policy will be implemented immediately upon adoption.

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