

Shaping the future of learning disability services across Greater Manchester

Greater Manchester's Transforming Care Programme aims to significantly re-shape services for people with a learning disability and/or autism and who display behaviours that challenge, including those with a mental health condition.

The key aims of the programme are:

- To improve the quality of care for people with a learning disability and/or autism
- To improve the quality of life for people with a learning disability and/or autism
- To enhance community capacity, thereby reducing inappropriate hospital admissions and length of stay

Staff from our Learning Disability Directorate are supporting a number of pieces of work across Greater Manchester (GM). This includes:

- GM early intervention and prevention
- GM Crisis Intervention Pathway Development Group
- GM Workforce development Group
- GM Case Management and Care and Treatment Review Workshops
- GM Better Health Access and Outcomes Group
- GM Personalisation and Personal Health Budgets Workshop

Each of these groups provides an opportunity to link our staff with the Transforming Care Programme and promote clinical developments from our locality teams.

The teams have been working with NHS Tameside Clinical Commissioning Group to develop a Greater Manchester wide approach to the provision of care and treatment reviews.

They have also been supporting the Greater Manchester Community Learning Disability Leads Group, which provides a point of reference and challenge for the GM learning disability transformation plans.

This includes working with Greater Manchester commissioners to influence the role and operations of the new GM-wide Specialist Support Team, provided by Mersey Care.

The new Specialist Support Teams (SST) will provide a service to adults presenting a risk of offending, who have a history of criminal conviction, or who have complex challenging behaviour. The team will operate on a 24 hour basis.