

Motion: Motion 4 Proposed by Councillor Sarah Adams and seconded by Councillor Kathy Bole

Amended by Councillor Tony Goldson and seconded by Councillor Gordon Jones

Given the increased pressure on the county council's budget, especially within the delivery of high needs services for children and adults, it is vital that services for autism spectrum disorders and ADHD needs are urgently reviewed and improved.

Autism and ADHD conditions severely limit mainstream opportunities for children and adults in this county. Waiting times for a diagnosis are increasing and whilst this is happening families are not able to access the help they need.

To explore possibilities of decreasing waiting times and that required support is provided in Suffolk the Council Resolves that the Care, Wellbeing and Health Cabinet Committee produce a report to:

- a) refreshing its Autism and ADHD Strategy;
- b) developing an action plan to implement the new Strategy, for children, adults and the transition period;
- c) explore the possibility of developing of a centre of excellence in diagnosing autism spectrum and ADHD conditions to cut diagnosis waiting times;
- d) identify other opportunities to increase the availability of Autism/ADHD diagnoses in the short term;
- e) invite bids to develop a school in Suffolk to provide high quality, specialist teaching and learning opportunities specifically for those with Autism/ADHD related conditions;
- f) explore ways to limit the number of out-of-county residential placements; and
- g) bring a report back to the Cabinet members for Health, Children's Services, Education and Skills and Adult Care for consideration before the committee review is completed.

Members present agreed unanimously by a show of hands.