Building the Right Support evaluation – our response (You said, We did)

Building the Right Support is the national plan, signed by key national agencies, published in 2015, that sets out how local areas will reduce their use of mental health inpatient units for people with a learning disability, autism or both and also develop high quality community support closer to home.

As part of an evaluation of the programme carried out by the Strategy Unit, BILD, ICF and the University of Birmingham between 2016 and 2019, we have received feedback on the Building the Right Support programme. We take the feedback seriously. Here are some of the things we have done following the feedback we received from phase 4 of the evaluation.

Considerations in Phase 4 summary report of learning	We did
Cross-department working must improve, to ensure that strategic ownership of the national programme includes all relevant parties.	The Building the Right Support Delivery Board, chaired by the Minister for Social Care has been established and oversees strategic ownership of the six delivery workstreams. NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE/I) is an active member of the Building the Right Support Delivery Board.
NHS England should publish an action plan in response to the ideas outlined in this section (as a 'You said, We did' document).	The information regarding the actions we are taking in response to the feedback received from phase 4 of the evaluation are contained in this 'You Said, We did' document.
Those overseeing Integrated Care Systems (ICSs) should ensure that they make learning disability and autism a clear priority.	The NHS Long Term Plan (2019) Implementation Guidance says that every Integrated Care System should have a named lead for learning disability and autism.
	In 2021-22, we are providing £1.25 million of one year funding to recruit additional champions in learning disability and autism champions in every Integrated Care System in England.

Carry out further study and invest in exploring what savings accrue across education, health and social care over the longer-term following through investments in community provision and prevention.

NHS England and NHS Improvement is supporting the work of the Building the Right Support Delivery Board's Funding Flows workstream that is looking at funding flows between agencies and between inpatient and community settings.

NHSE/I investment in the delivery of the NHS Long Term Plan commitments for people with a learning disability and autistic people will increase from £17 million in 2019/20 to £131 million in 2023/24. This investment includes, in 2021-22, £25 million for the development of community services that can support people to have their mental health care needs met in the community instead of in a mental health inpatient setting with a particular emphasis upon young people aged 14-25 and £15 million for keyworkers for children and young people.

Continue to ensure that local authorities and social care are driving the shared agenda as much as NHS.

NHSE/I is a member of the Building the Right Support Delivery Board that was set up and we will continue to support the joint agency work to deliver the Board's workplans. We continue to work closely with the Local Government Association.

Continue reemphasising the national commitment to closing inpatient beds and transforming community services and scaling up action on eliminating dependence on long-term hospital care.

The NHS Long Term Plan sets a commitment that, by March 2024 there will be no more than 30 adults with a learning disability, autism or both in a mental health inpatient setting per million adults and no more than 12-15 children and young people with a learning disability, autism or both in a mental health inpatient setting per million children.

We remain committed to the achievement of the NHS Long Term Plan commitments. As at the end of October 2021, there were 28% fewer people with a learning disability and autistic people in a mental health hospital since the start of the Transforming Care programme in March 2015. We are working with local and regional teams to ensure the effective delivery of actions to reduce reliance on inpatient care. This includes:

- Since 2016, NHS capital has been used to support the development of community short term and long term accommodation to support people with a learning disability and autistic people to be discharged from an inpatient care setting or to prevent admission with a capital allocation of £20 million each year.
- In 2021/22, we are investing £25m in the development of community services to reduce admissions to inpatient care (with a particular focus on support for autistic young people aged 14-25) and £15m in the further development of keyworkers for children and young people.
- We have a two year programme in place with the National Development Team for Inclusion (NDTi) and the Local Government Association to work with local systems to develop and sustain small, bespoke providers who can support the people with the most complex needs in their own home.