

## South East London Learning Disability and Autism Forum

### Terms of Reference 2020

#### Introduction

Following the end of Transforming Care Programme in March 2019, NHS England announced in its Long-Term Plan its continued commitment to improving the lives of people with learning disabilities and/or autism. The Long-Term Plan identifies important priorities for people with learning disability, autism or both. These include:

- **Improving community support** so that people can lead lives of their choosing in homes not hospitals;
- **Strengthening the focus on the needs of people with autism (with a new focus on children and young people) and their families; Making sure that NHS-commissioned services are providing good quality care and treatment** for people with a learning disability and autism and their families;
- **Reducing health inequalities** through annual health checks, reducing overmedication through Stopping The Over-Medication of children and young People with a learning disability, autism or both and Supporting Treatment and Appropriate Medication in Paediatrics ([STOMP-STAMP](#)) initiative, and preventing avoidable deaths through the Learning Disability Mortality Review ([LeDeR](#)) Programme;
- **Championing the insight and strengths of people with lived experience and their families, supporting NHSE to become a model employer of people** with a learning disability and/or autism;
- **Making sure that the whole NHS has an awareness of the needs of people with a learning disability and autism, working together to improve the way it cares, supports, listens to, works with and improves the health and wellbeing of them and their families.**

You can find out more about the Learning Disability and Autism Programme [here](#).

South East London's Learning Disability and Autism (SEL LDA) Programme consists of the Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) and councils of Bexley, Bromley, Greenwich, Lambeth, Lewisham and Southwark, together with NHS England (specialised commissioning).

#### Membership

The SEL LDA forum membership includes individuals and/or their family members who have direct experience of services for children, young people and adults with learning disabilities and/or autism, and/or who may have mental

health conditions or display behaviour that challenges services. They must be resident in the South East London boroughs of Bexley, Bromley, Greenwich, Lambeth, Lewisham and Southwark.

Three C facilitates the SEL LDA forum to share their views and work collaboratively with the SEL LDA Programme Team.

## **Terms of reference**

### **Forum members are required to:**

- Attend and participate constructively in SEL LDA forum meetings.
- Share information on the work of the SEL LDA Programme.
- Work in a way that is inclusive of all members.
- Champion change and have a lasting effect on the care and support for people with learning disabilities and/or autism in South East London.
- Help to shape and improve SEL LDA services for the future.
- Influence real change in the SEL LDA programme in collaboration with the SEL LDA programme team.
- Have regular liaison with the SEL LDA Programme Manager to understand the developing work workstreams and the programme as a whole.
- Co-produce new services in collaboration with SEL LDA programme managers and team.

Our vision of co-production is as follows (Helen Sanderson on co-production):

- **Informing.** We will let you know the decisions we are making.
- **Consulting.** We make our decision and ask for your feedback.
- **Involving.** We take your views into account as we decide.
- **Co-production.** We decide together.
- Share information with forum members on matters relating to the National LDA agenda and the SEL LDA programme.
- Contribute to SEL LDA forum discussions via e-mail outside of the SEL LDA forum meetings.
- Represent the views of the SEL LDA forum through attendance at events/conferences/meetings as required.
- Have regular liaison with the SEL LDA Programme Manager to understand the developing work of the workstreams and the programme as a whole.

- Meet with other people who use services, and families and carers who may have similar experiences.
- Work collaboratively with the SEL LDA Strategic Board and Operational Board to ensure that the views of the SEL LDA Forum are represented.
- Give their views to SEL LDA forum members who represent the Forum at the SELTCP Strategic Board.
- To attend sub-group meetings, as agreed with SEL LDA Programme Team.