

<b>Scrutiny Board:</b>	Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Board
<b>Report Title</b>	Developments in Mental Health (MH) and Learning Disabilities & Autism (LDA)
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> July 2025
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<b>Wards Affected</b>	All Wards
<b>Identify exempt information and exemption category</b>	N/A
<b>Appendices (if any)</b>	1. Developments in Mental Health (MH) and Learning Disabilities & Autism (LDA)

## **1. Executive Summary**

- 1.1 The Black Country Healthcare Trust outlines the key updates in mental health, Learning difficulties and Autism Services in the appended document. Due to rising demands the Trust proposes a temporary, risk-based referral model for the Adult ADHD & Autism (AAA) diagnostic service, prioritising high-risk individuals.

## **2. Recommendation**

- 2.1 To receive the update on the Older Adults developments.
- 2.2 To provide a steer on substantiality of change for the temporary criteria for the Adult ADHD & Autism service.

## **3. Background and Context**

- 3.1 This report details the responsibilities surrounding the Black Country Healthcare Trust.

- 3.2 There has been a change in the provision arrangements for Adult ADHD & Autism (AAA) diagnostic services which is to be reviewed and considered by the Health & Adult Social Care Scrutiny Board.

#### **4. Consultation**

- 4.1 As part of the Black Country Health Care Trusts consultation process, they are requesting a steer from the Health & Adult Social Care Scrutiny Board on the substantiality of change for the temporary criteria for the AAA service.

#### **5. Financial Implications**

- 5.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

#### **6. Legal and Governance Implications**

- 6.1 There are no Legal and Governance Implications arising from this report.

#### **7. Risks**

- 7.1 There are no Risks arising from this report.

#### **8. Equality and Diversity Implications (including the public sector equality duty)**

- 8.1 There are no Equality and Diversity implications arising from this report.

#### **9. Other Relevant Implications**

- 9.1 There are Service Delivery Implications arising from the introduction of the Hospital at Home Team and enhanced community services for older adults with a move to home care and community settings.
- 9.2 There are Governance oversight implications arising from the report. The new AAA Services will be subject to further governance oversight through the Integrated Care board (ICB).

#### **10. Background Documents**

None.

#### **11. How does this deliver the Outcomes in the Council Plan?**

- 11.1 This delivers on the outcome in the Council Plan by Improving access to mental health services, enhancing community based care for older adults, and prioritising support for vulnerable individuals with ADHD and autism. Contributing to better health outcomes, reduced health inequalities, and more person-centred care across the borough – Healthy in Sandwell.