

TRANSFORMING CARE PROGRAMME

SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH A LEARNING DISABILITY AND/OR AUTISM

Expression of Interest – Delivery in St Helens and/or Knowsley

NHSE Cheshire and Merseyside Transforming Care Programme have provided NHS Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care Board (ICB), specifically St Helens and Knowsley Places, with funding to support children with a learning disability and/or autism (LD/A) and/or their families. You can read more about the national Transforming Care Programme [here](#).

The **aims** of this funding are to improve the **emotional and mental wellbeing** of children and young people with a learning disability and/or autism and support **reducing their risk of** issues such as:

- **Challenging behaviour**
- **Escalations to mental health crisis**
- **Breakdowns at home / placements**
- **Hospital attendances and admissions**
- **School isolations / exclusions and non-attendance due to emotional wellbeing issues**

NHS Cheshire and Merseyside ICB, St Helens and Knowsley Places, welcome proposals from third sector organisations who can help to reduce the risk of the issues mentioned above. The funding, which will be a one-off grant, can be used for existing offers or for new ideas. You can bid for a minimum of £2,000 up to a maximum of £20,000. The funding must be used by September 2025 and for the benefit of CYP with LD/A and/or their families in St Helens and/or Knowsley and you will be required to demonstrate how you have made a difference.

Examples of how the funding might be used include things like offering an intervention or support via 1:1 or group work; it could be used to offer training; to provide access to activities and enrichment; to purchase resources; or to help with the sustainability of your organisation for continuity of an existing offer for the cohort being targeted. We welcome all ideas where there is a **clear benefit for the target cohort that supports reducing the risks listed above**.

If you are interested, please submit an expression of interest by producing a brief plan on a page detailing how you would use the one-off grant funding to support the project aims (highlighted in bold above). Submit your plan on a page by 18:00 on 16th February 2024. Submissions will be reviewed week commencing 19th February and successful ideas notified by 23rd February. We will also endeavour to notify unsuccessful submissions w/c 29th Feb inclusive of feedback, subject to volume of submissions.

For more information or to discuss further please contact Matthew.Davies@cheshireandmerseyside.nhs.uk for St Helens based schemes or Jacquie.Ruddick@cheshireandmerseyside.nhs.uk for Knowsley based schemes.

Submit your bids to sthelens.cypmhdaag@cheshireandmerseyside.nhs.uk

Support for CYP with a Learning Disability and/or Autism

Expression of Interest template

Name of organisation	Name, role and contact details of person completing template / main contact

What is your idea to support improving the wellbeing of CYP with a learning disability and/or autism?

Description of proposed idea / offer to be funded. Please also include detail on experience to date of working with this cohort and any relevant qualifications / registration / accreditation etc for your offer.	Grant amount applying for and timeframe of delivery.
	<p>Total amount requested = £</p> <p>Breakdown of cost:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • staff / volunteer hours - £ • resources - £ • venue hire - £ • travel costs - £ • other (detail) - £ <p>Timeframe overview (start date, milestones in between, end date):</p>
Outputs and outcomes aiming for. Numbers to receive support; anticipated impact and how you will measure this; how you may be able to sustain your offer after the funding period ends or whether the offer will cease once funding has been used.	

Please try to keep your response very brief. If you do need to include more detail than can be captured on this single page, then you can respond over a maximum of two pages.