## Information on the All-Age Autism Wellbeing Service

Lewisham Health and Care Partnership (Lewisham Council and NHS South East London Integrated Care Board), started the **All-Age Autism Wellbeing Service**, provided by <u>Resources for Autism</u>, starting on 1 April 2024. The service will initially operate for two-years as a pilot and will support the aims and objectives of the Lewisham All Age Autism Strategy, (<u>Autism Strategy Full Version 2023-2028 (3).pdf</u>)

## All-Age Autism Wellbeing Service

The All-Age Autism Wellbeing Service, provided by <u>Resources for Autism</u>, replaces the existing <u>National Autistic Society service</u> for families of children and young people known locally as <u>Lewisham Autism Support</u> (LAS).

The support for young people will be transferred to Resources for Autism from 1 April 2024. We extend our sincere gratitude to NAS and the LAS team for their contributions and commitment since its inception in 2003. The service has positively impacted the lives of many individuals, families, and caregivers within our community.

## **New Service**

<u>Resources for Autism</u> have worked in partnership with LAS during the hand-over to provide continuity. The new service will build on the strengths of the existing service from LAS and expand it to serve the Lewisham autism community across all ages.

The All-Age Autism Wellbeing Service's vision is to be a safe, neuro-affirmative space where autistic children, young people, adults, parents, and carers can access a range of support including:

- 1:1 support
- information and advice
- special interest groups
- workshops
- and other regular events tailored to the needs of the community

RFA will make sure they work in partnership with the autistic community on the codesign and delivery of these activities.

## Support

Support will be available to those waiting for a diagnosis and to those who self-identify autistic; with workshops and training also open to professionals working in the neurodiverse space in Lewisham.

There will be a launch of this new service at a later date which will be publicised closer to the time. Once the service is launched, more information will be shared with regards to the activities on offer and partnership working. There will be opportunities, if you are interested, to contribute to shaping the future of the service.

The learning from the delivery of this service during the two-year pilot will be used to help shape future autism services for Lewisham residents.

email <u>Resources for Autism</u> or you can make a referral online by clicking the <u>referral</u> <u>form at the top of the page</u> on: if would like to speak to someone directly please contact Nazia on 07458302961.