

Green Light Champions Network

Terms of Reference

Purpose

1. To help mental health services deliver high-quality care to autistic people and people with learning disabilities.
2. To reduce health inequalities experienced by autistic people and people with learning disabilities who come into contact with any mental health service.
3. To support the mental health service in meeting its obligations under law, policy and guidance related to people with learning disabilities and autistic people. This will include ensuring these obligations are reflected in guidance, policies and working practice.
4. To ensure reasonable adjustments are made to the delivery of services to meet needs in line with the Equality Act 2010.

Aims

1. To enhance Champions' understanding of other teams and services so that they know where specialist skills and expertise are located, thus speeding up cross-team consultation and mentoring, shadowing and collaborative working, and informal peer education.
2. To provide an opportunity for Green Light Champions to share best practice and develop resources to improve services for autistic people and people with learning disabilities.
3. To offer an opportunity for mental health staff to work with partner organisations and so provide more seamless and person-centred services.
4. To promote positive and inclusive services for all people using the service regardless of disability.
5. To accelerate the understanding, interpretation and adoption of new policies, guidance and evidence-based practice and so raise standards.
6. To identify gaps in knowledge, skills or provision and make active recommendations for research and improvement to managers or commissioners as necessary.

Administration

The Green Light Champions Network meets six times a year. Meetings are coproduced with autistic people and people with learning disabilities and include the following participants: Executive level Co-chair and Expert by Experience Co-chair, Care Group Leads and Green Light Champions, People using services and Family carers, Safeguarding and Equality Lead, and External Partners and others.

Minutes are prepared by the secretary, distributed within 10 working days of the meeting and ratified at the following meeting. Copies are circulated to participants and Deputy Chief Nurse, Assurance & Clinical Effectiveness Lead and others as requested.

The Terms of Reference and Membership will be subject to annual review.

Accountability

The Network reports to the Mental Health Strategy Group, which is accountable to the Quality Governance Committee and thence to the Board.