

Autism Strategy Data Summary

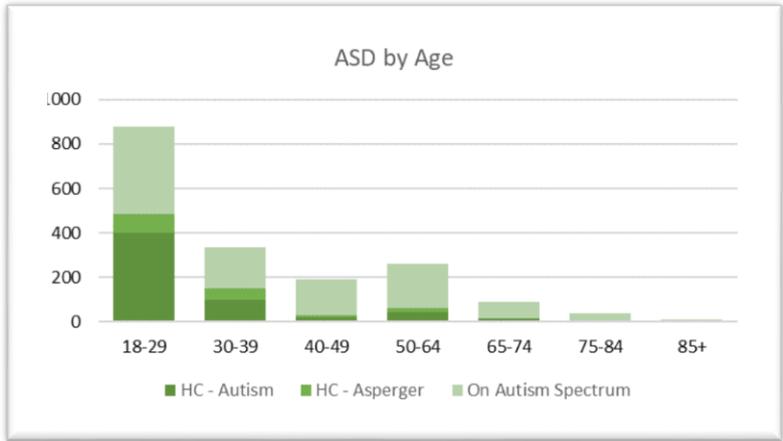
- Surrey's Population in 2020 is [projected](http://www.surreyi.gov.uk) to be 1.2 million (www.surreyi.gov.uk)
- National prevalence of autism is approximately 1% of the population
- So, our best approximation of Surrey's autistic population is 12,000 people, made up of:
 - 2,500 children aged 0-16
 - 1,000 young people aged 17-25
 - 8,500 people aged 25 and over (www.surreyi.gov.uk)

SEND Data (Source: SCC Data Team)

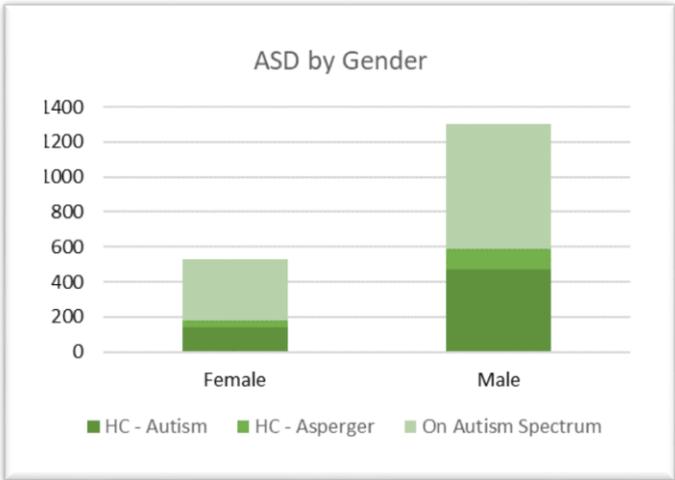
- Compared to our statistical neighbours, Surrey has the highest prevalence of autism.
- The % of females with autism (all ages) has risen from 14% to 18% over the last 4 years.
- 1,471 plans were issued in 2019 and 32.77% of these were for autism. For under 5s, 42.96% of all EHCPs were for autism, and in the 16-19 category, 40% were for autism. The biggest increases over the last 4 years can be seen in females under 5 (53%), females aged 5-10 (38%), females aged 16-19 (43%) and males under 5 (45%).
- 11.5% of students with autism are currently placed in Surrey maintained specialist schools which specialise in need areas other than autism.
- 4.28% of the autism cohort are currently in SLD Surrey schools; 2.15% of students are attending MLD Surrey schools and 3.1% are currently placed in Surrey maintained SEMH settings.
- As at 16 January 2020, 30.9% of the EHCPs for children and young people across the South East had autism as the primary diagnosis.

Adult Social Care (Source: BI Team)

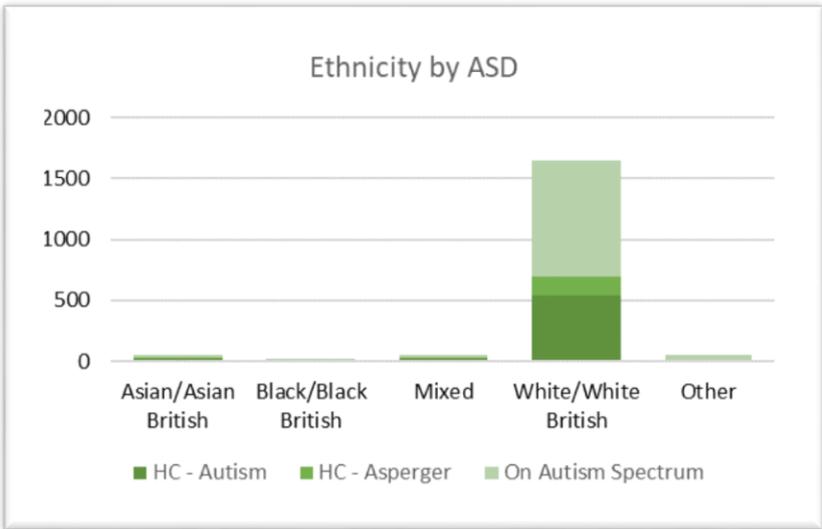
- The estimated number of autistic people over 18 is 9,400, and the number open to Surrey Adult Social Care is 1,834. This means 20% of the adult autistic population receive a service from Adult Social Care.
- People identified as autistic make up 36% of the caseload of the ASC Learning Disability and Autism Team.
- People identified as autistic make up 54% of the caseload of the ASC Transition Team identified with a service need of learning disability.



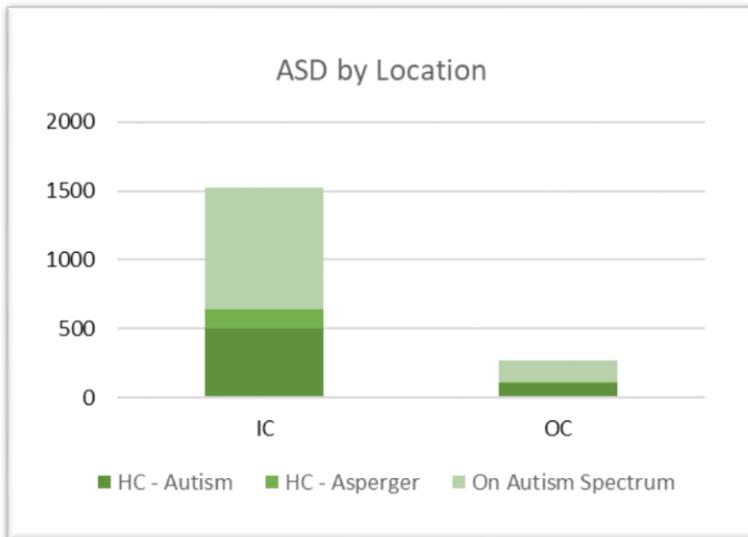
Numbers of identified autistic people open to Adult Social Care are higher in the 18-29 age group than older groups. This is likely to be due to better recognition rather than higher numbers in services.



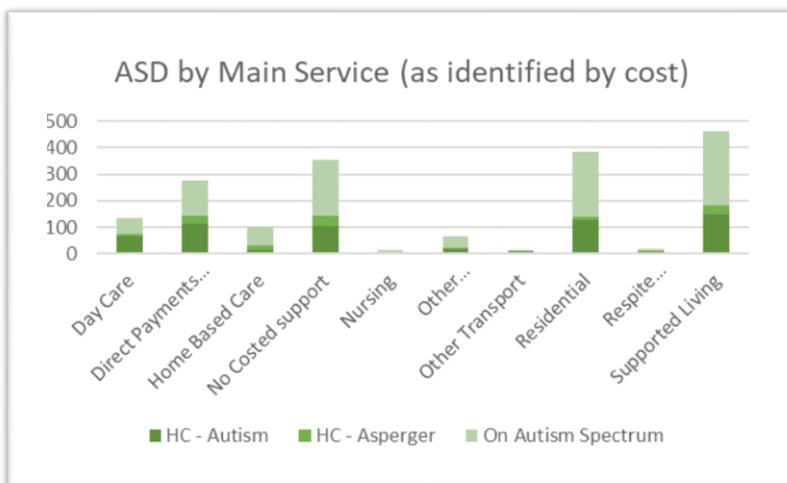
Approximately two thirds of identified autistic individuals open to ASC are male. We expect this to shift over time as more autistic women are recognised. The SABP Neurodevelopmental Team carrying out adult autism diagnoses in Surrey are seeing roughly equal numbers of men and women.



Approximately 90% of autistic people supported by Adult Social Care are identified as White or White British. This reflects the ethnic makeup of the County.



Approximately 20% of autistic individuals supported by Adult Social Care live out of county.

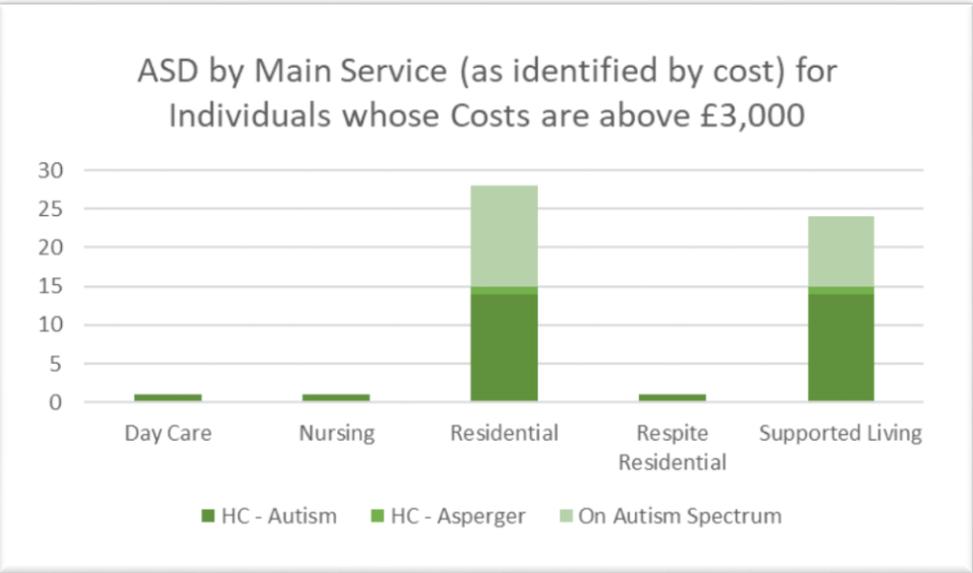
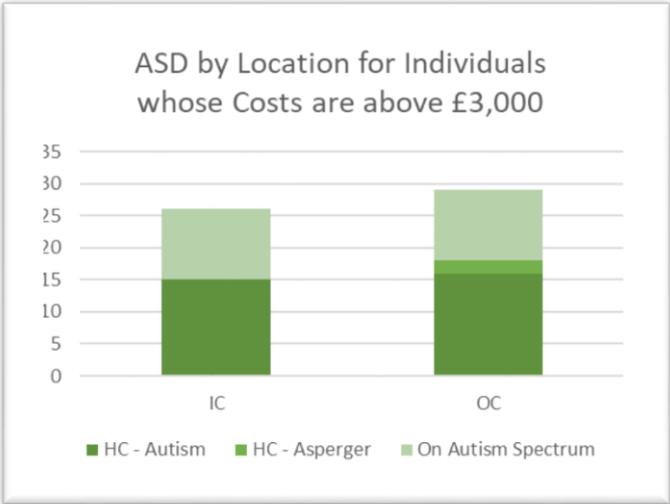


The main services used by autistic individuals supported by Adult Social Care are Supported Living, Residential Care and Direct Payments, followed by Day Care and Home Based Care

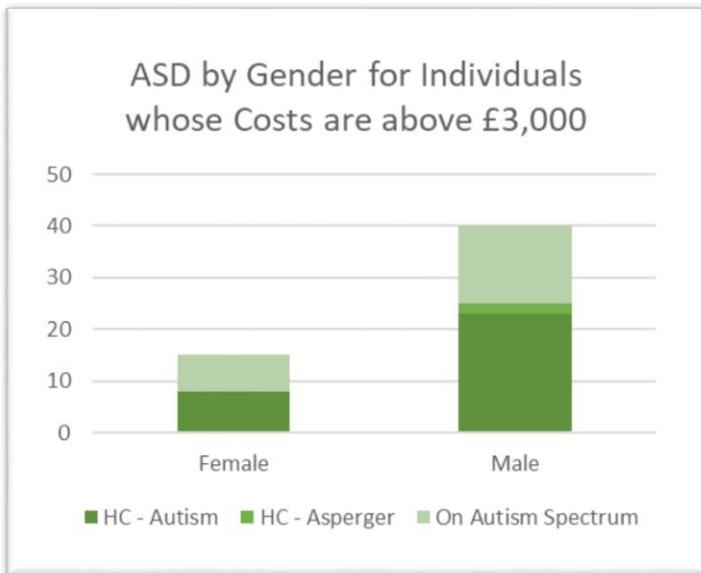
High Costs (Source: BI Team, linking with ASC Finance)

Focussing on individuals with costs > £3,000 per week shows some difference when compared with the total ASD population in ASC:

A higher proportion live out of county, over 50%



A higher proportion live in residential care, over 50%



The proportion of men to women is similar

Adult Diagnosis (Source: Surrey & Borders Neurodevelopmental Service Data)

Referrals for an autism diagnosis in adults are increasing year on year. In 2018/19 the team assessed 851 people, and in 2019/20, this had increased to 944. While most of the referrals are for people under 30, the service covers all ages, and has diagnosed people in their 70s and 80s.

2019/20 Referrals

No of referrals	ASD Complex Surrey	ASD Surrey	total
Female	83	424	507
Male	46	390	436
not known		1	1
total	129	815	944

2018/19 Wait times for a diagnostic assessment

Wait times in the complex service averaged 69 days, and in the general service averaged 341 days.

Wait time	ASD Complex Surrey
no of First appts	27
average wait in days	69

waits till first appointment	ASD Surrey
no of First appts	359
average wait in days	341

2019/20 Wait times

Wait times in the complex service averaged 136 days, and in the general service averaged 370 days.

Wait time	ASD Complex Surrey
no of First appts	85
average wait in days	136

Wait time	ASD Surrey
no of First appts	301
average wait in days	370