

Argyll and Bute
Autism Strategy Group
Monday 14th November 2016

Locations via VC: Lorn Room 2, A&B Hospital; Seminar Room, Campbeltown Hospital; Talisman Room, Helensburgh Integrated Care Centre; Room A01, Cowal Community Hospital;

Present: , Gordon Murray (GM) (Chair), Caroline Clark (CC), Anne Horn (AH), Alison Leask (AL), Maureen Mackintosh (MM), Brian Reid (BR), Robert MacFarlane (RMac), Kirsty Tucker (KT)

Apologies: Charlene Tait, Mike Hall, John Dreghorn, Allen Stevenson, Fiona McClean, Roslyn Redpath, Jane Catlin, Lorna Stewart.

1	<p>Welcome and Apologies Participants were welcomed to the meeting and apologies noted as above.</p>
2	<p>Minutes of Meeting of 19th November 2016 The minutes were agreed as an accurate record.</p>
3	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>Action points from meeting of 19th November 2016:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Carried forward. 2. Carried Forward 3. GM reported that the thematic analysis has been circulated. AL felt that this should be linked to the Implementation Plan, possibly as an appendix, so that the comments are taken into account. Also seems to be some confusion about what is available e.g. Right Click is not a professional resource. GM to add the analysis to the plan. 4. GM reported that he had spoken with Charlene Tait who had shown him the professional resource so far. There is a meeting on 24/11/2016 to review the resource. GM, FMcC, MM and CAT will be attending. GM had also spoken to Janine Robinson and is waiting to sort out dates for meeting with her. 5. AL reported no correspondence between her and RR so far therefore Carried forward. 6. GM reported no proposals so far re Joint Projects and funding 7. GM reported that the 'Inspired by Autism' training for classroom assistants has been approved and training should begin in the near future. 8. Complete 9. Information Leaflets. AL reported that leaflets had been circulated to those involved and the pre school/primary/secondary leaflet is nearly ready in terms of modifications. FMcC currently working on the adult leaflet which is a completely new leaflet. AL will liaise with GM for desk top publishing and the leaflets will be circulated to the group for final sign off CC thanked AL for the work she had done to develop the leaflets. 10. Input to professional resource; CC and AL reported back on developments. Initial date proposed for meeting with CAT was cancelled due to lack of availability. Therefore a new date is pending. AL asked if Allen Stevenson would provide the strategic overview. GM to ask AS about this
4.	<p>Menu of Intervention GM reported that this has been circulated for comments. AL asked about the naming of the document and whether Menu of Interventions is appropriate as this is a separate document in its own right. There was a concern that there may be confusion between the two documents and therefore it was agreed that the name will be changed to 'Resources Directory'. GM explained that the directory will be posted on the A&B website once completed. The document is aimed at as wide a group as possible including the general public.</p>

5.	<p>Thematic Analysis Discussed in Matters Arising</p>
6.	<p>Staff Training and Scottish Autism Professional Resource update Update in Matters Arising</p>
7.	<p>Autism Strategy Implementation Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GM reported that he was still trying to get information from people for the Implementation Plan and had asked Allen Stevenson to chase this. • There was some discussion about terminology and the need for consistency in reference to autistic adults and children following some guidance issued by Fiona McClean. AH said that if the same language is used all the time this will then become accepted and used. AL agreed that this would create consistency in terminology used and that this may need to be explained at the beginning of the Implementation Plan • CC questioned part of the Assessment and Diagnosis section regarding ‘An Analysis of individual and parental relating to impact and meeting needs...’ How would this info be gathered as this is not part of the diagnostic process? CC to liaise with GM on this point. • GM explained that Allen Stevenson wants the timescales to be clear so that the plan is signed off by the end of the month. Therefore all information/comments need to be with GM by 21st November before final publication. • There was discussion about an image for the front of the plan. MM had brought a picture painted by an autistic young person living in Argyll and Bute. The Group agreed that this image should be used providing that the young person consented to the use of the image. MM agreed to double check consent for use of the image • AL explained that Autism Argyll is happy to take the image to the Gallery in Lochgilphead to have it digitised. MM agreed to do this. GM also to look into the possibility of using the Council’s resources to have the image digitised. • GM explained that once the plan is published a second working document would be used in order to coordinate the plan. GM will start to contact people to oversee this piece of work. • AL thanked GM for his hard work at producing the Implementation Plan.
8.	<p>Capacity Building Event GM explained that he is still waiting to hear back from Emma Hanley for a new date for this event.</p>
9.	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MM informed the Group of an Autism Argyll event taking place in 2017. This will take place on Tuesday 28th March 2017 in the Lochfyne Hotel, Inveraray. Times and further details will follow. The event will include presentations by Dr Sue Fletcher-Watson, Chancellor’s Fellow, University of Edinburgh and the Patrick Wild Centre who runs the DART Project http://www.dart.ed.ac.uk/ • KT informed the Group that she will attend the one day learning event in November for practitioners. • KT has also been in contact with Fyne Futures about a supported employment project and will meet up with a representative to get more information about the project. • AL suggested that another event may be useful. This could be used to introduce the Implementation Plan and the leaflets as well as launch the professional resource if available. This would provide an opportunity to promote some of the achievements and get information out across the authority. AL will check with Charlene Tait to ask if the professional resource will be available in January. GM will organise a date for the event – this will probably take place at Three Villages Hall, Arrochar.

<p>1 0 .</p>	<p>Date and Time of Next meeting This was the last meeting in the year and a further timetable of meetings is to be arranged. There was some discussion about the possibility of a meeting in December and the Group will be informed of any arrangements.</p>
	<p>Action Points</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Carried forward. JD to discuss with Mike Hall resources on NHS Learning Network for GPs. CT to ask JD if action complete. 2. Carried Forward. LS to take this Action point on as GG no longer member of Group. To set up a direct-contact circulation list for education. 3. Carried Forward. RR to liaise with AL in order to look at issues concerning Education arising from discussions with people contacting Autism Argyll 4. GM to ask AS if he will complete the strategic overview for the professional resource. 5. CC to liaise with GM on the assessment and diagnosis section of the Implementation Plan relating to the outcome re the individual/parental analysis to be undertaken. 6. MM to double check consent for use of a portrait to be used for the front sheet of the Implementation Plan. 7. MM to take the image for the front of the Implementation Plan to the Gallery in Lochgilphead to have it digitised (pending consent re use). GM also to look into the possibility of using the Council's resources to have the image digitised and let MM know if this alternative resource is available 8. Re The proposed event in January 2017. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AL to check with Charlene Tait to ask if the professional resource will be available in January to be presented at a proposed event in January. • GM will organise a date for the event – this will probably take place at Three Villages Hall, Arrochar