

Argyll and Bute
Autism Strategy Group
Meeting of 27th March 2017

Locations via VC: Aros Lochgilphead, Boardroom; Campbeltown Hospital, Seminar Room;
 Helensburgh Integrated Care Centre, Talisman Room; Cowal Community Hospital, Room A02; Lorn
 and Islands Hospital, Nelson Ward Bay 2

Present: Alan Stevenson (AS) (Chair) Gordon Murray (GM), Caroline Clark (CC), Alison Leask (AL),
 Maureen Mackintosh (MM), Roslyn Redpath (RR),

Apologies: Fiona McClean, Anne Horn, Mike Hall.

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| 1 | Welcome and Apologies Participants were welcomed to the meeting and apologies noted as above. |
| 2 | Minutes of Meeting of 14th November 2016. The minutes were agreed as an accurate record. |
| 3 | <p>Matters Arising Action points from previous meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. JD to discuss with Mike Hall resources on NHS Learning Network for GPs: CT had not heard back from JD. GM agreed to take this action forward. CT to send details to GM and GM to follow up with Mike Hall. 2. Completed (GM). 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. Complete. GM to ask AS if he will complete the strategic overview for the professional resource. GM and AS have been filmed by Scottish Autism for this. 5. Complete. 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. Complete. MM to double check consent for use of a portrait to be used for the front sheet of the Implementation Plan. 7. Complete. 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). 8. Re The proposed event in January 2017. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAT has reported to GM about the professional resource and this is now nearing completion. • Completed: GM has organised a date for the event – 20th April Three village hall Arrochar. <p>Other matters arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information leaflets. GM reported that these are being printed and will be sent to many different organisations once completed. RR and AL said that this is a very positive piece of work which should help to clarify the diagnostic process etc. • Training of classroom assistants. GM reported that the training for classroom had been approved to go ahead and he is waiting for contact from Inspired by Autism in order for this to commence. • MM reported that the young person whose painting had been chosen for the front of the implementation plan had consented to its use for this purpose. Autism Argyll had also presented the youngster with a framed print of the painting. Feedback about the image has been very positive. • Capacity building event. GM reported that Emma Hanley is leaving her post with Autism Network Scotland and therefore a further meeting with ANS is required to arrange this event. This is to be arranged. • MM informed the Group that the Autism Argyll event taking place on Tuesday 28th March was fully booked. |
| 4. | Roslyn Redpath Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RR gave a presentation summarising the work done so far by the Group looking at the documentation on post school transitions. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GM indicated that he is part of the Group so there is close contact with the Autism Strategy Group. • RR explained that there were also reps from ARC and the Thistle Foundation on the Group. • The group looked at current documentation and concluded that the guidance is not clear enough. It is clear that engagement with other services should have occurred well before a young person has left school and there is a lack of clarity around the split between children's and adults' services. Therefore lots of work is required around planning more effectively for transition. Work has also been done around the written transition plan. There are challenges which are particular to Argyll and Bute due to wide spread geographical area and its implications for work etc., and it is important to highlight what is available after school. There is also a need to work on a more person-centred approach within the guidance. • The draft revised guidance is almost complete and this will then be sent for feedback from families, young people etc. • This will be followed by a Transitions Event. <p>Q&A Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CC asked about support for people with Aspergers. She had received an enquiry from a parent of a boy with Aspergers and felt it was not clear where to direct people. CT indicated that the adult service also receives such requests. GM indicated that they should be referred to the Community Care Team. However RR and MM indicated that this is not an easy area and often within adult care there is no pathway when no LD present. Aspergers does not fit within mental Health or LD. • AL said this is a typical situation and there is no suitable pathway for autistic people. It is a longstanding issue. • AS and GM are to communicate with adult teams to ensure that there is a pathway for autistic individuals requiring support. • AS/GM to circulate contacts for the adult teams to diagnostic teams, Caroline Clark, Autism Argyll • AL asked if the guidance that is to be produced from the transitions group will be available for the event on 20th April. RR indicated that copies would be available for the event. • AS indicated the support of the Autism Strategy Group for the Education Strategy. |
| 5. | <p>Resource Directory GM reported that the website still needs to be reviewed and updated.</p> |
| 6. | <p>Diagnostic waiting list (children)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CC indicated that the information which had been circulated about the Children's service diagnosis and referral stats was intended for the implementation plan. There is not much variation from year to year with the exception of Helensburgh whose waiting list increased due to there not being a team to carry out assessments for a period of time, now resolved. • MM said that feedback for the Get Set 4 Autism project was positive and that there seemed to be more uptake in the east than the west. This is something that could be discussed at the network day in May. |
| 7. | <p>Autism Leaflet GM reported that the information leaflets are ready and have been sent for printing.</p> |
| 8. | <p>Staff learning Resource in partnership with Scottish Autism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GM reported that the professional resource is now nearing completion. Charlene Tait has said that there is still some work to be done e.g. ensuring that the platform is applicable for the resources, but the resource can be shared at the event in April. • LS said that Education can put the resource on the ASN tabs as well • CC asked about access to the resource for staff from Health, including GPs. • GM to make sure that the resource is widely available: within A&B council, Health, Education, GPs etc. |
| 9. | <p>One year on – planning for Action plan -20th April</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GM reported that time slots have now been allocated and the agenda for the day has been circulated. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment services and Advocacy are attending. • AL noted that ANS will not be at the event and it will be important that people at the event are made aware of any work done by ANS . • AS said that posters will be produced which will explain what has been happening and what has been achieved so far. |
| 10. | <p>Transition, Toolbox and lead officers meeting /training GM reported that feedback had been positive about the event and he will be contacting Becks Williams in relation to this.</p> |
| 11. | <p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MM explained that there has been an under spend in the Get Set 4 Autism project so a booklet has been produced to complement the programme. This will be brought to the event in April. • AL asked for an update about the Lego Therapy sessions which Fiona McClean had circulated. • GM has spoken to Andy Margerison and he is due to come in May to deliver training and buy equipment. • AL confirmed that there is evidence to support the effectiveness of the programme. AL to send link to CT for circulation. • AS wondered if Andy Margerison would be available to attend the event on 20th April – expenses would be covered. • GM informed the Group that there are not sufficient trained clinicians within the diagnostic teams to carry out assessments. Training has been arranged and 4 people have been put forward for the ADOS training and there are 3 AAA training places (adult). • CC queried whether this means that those undertaking the ADOS training will be able to be official ADOS trainers themselves. • RR expressed concerns that people who had volunteered to do training may not be aware of this. GM will seek clarification. • GM highlighted within the Implementation plan that there is not sufficient advocacy support for autistic individuals. GM has spoken to Scott Wills from Advocacy and confirmed they will attend the event on 20th April. • GM advised the group that Chris Tanner would be taking a lesser role in the Strategy side of business due to pressures in the diagnostic service. She will continue to minute the Strategy Group meetings. • AS felt it was a shame that the attendance at the meeting was low and hopes that more members of the Group would be able to attend the future meetings. |
| 12. | <p>Date and time of next meeting. Wednesday 10th May 2017, 1pm. Locations: Argyll and Bute Hospital, Lorn Room 3; Campbeltown Hospital, Seminar Room; Helensburgh Integrated Care Centre, Talisman Room; Cowal Community Hospital, Room A02; Lorn and Islands Hospital, Seminar Room</p> |
| | <p>Action Points</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To discuss with Mike Hall resources on NHS Learning Network for GPs. CT to send details to GM and GM to follow up with Mike Hall. 2. GM to review and update the Menu of Interventions website. 3. AS and GM are to communicate with adult support teams to ensure that there is a pathway for autistic individuals requiring support. 4. AS/GM to circulate contacts for the adult support teams to diagnostic teams, Caroline Clark, Autism Argyll 5. GM to make sure that the professional resource is widely available and is accessible within A&B council, Health, Education, GPs etc. 6. AL to send Lego therapy link to CT for circulation. 7. GM to seek clarification re ADOS training as to whether this will enable people who have completed the training to become official ADOS trainers. |