

Local Implementation

Collaborative working

Appendix 1 gives an ongoing status report in relation to local autism strategies. As outlined in our previous report and work plan, our main initial priority has been working with those areas which do not have a draft or finalised autism strategy. As you will see from the appendix, this number has decreased significantly, with most plans now submitted.

The Coordination team has been working with East Renfrewshire in relation to the ongoing development of its local strategy, now that a draft has been submitted. We also continue to support West Dunbartonshire, which has submitted a draft plan for consideration. In order to support the ongoing development of local plans, the team plans to broker a senior person taking oversight in some areas to facilitate effective implementation across a range of disciplines.

There is ongoing in-depth work with Shetland, in partnership with Autism Network Scotland, who recently carried out extensive developmental work in the area. The Coordination Team will be visiting Shetland over the coming months to support the completion of their local strategy. Local officers have attended both of the Autism Strategy Collaborative events and are committed to partnership working.

We have been working increasingly in partnership with NHS Education for Scotland in relation to the planned outcomes of Working Group 4, regarding the roll out of the Training Framework and Training Plan, which has now been published on their website. To that end, NES has presented at several recent joint events and a range of outreach visits around the country are being planned, including Western Isles, Highland and Shetland.

The team is increasingly working with Integration Shadow Boards. Glasgow City Council has recently met with us to discuss its draft plan and the ongoing development of local structures in light of integration. The team will be working with lead officers and local politicians in relation to changing processes and structures as integration progresses.

Findings

A recent focus has been on the delivery of national events to broaden our reach, develop new networks and address common national issues.

The second meeting of the Autism Strategy Collaborative took a more focussed approach than the first event, based on feedback from one of the workshops, where an appetite was expressed for a full day on complex care and out of area placements. The first part of these days going forward will be an opportunity to showcase a range of current practice, before setting the scene for a more detailed focus on the day's topic. This event started with a national overview, an outline of the progression of the NES Training Plan as well as a DVD from Aberdeen City Council. This was of its work with children and families, with some of the mothers present on the day. The scene for the working part of the day was given by Tom Wightman from PASDA, who gave a challenging parent's perspective on complex care and out of area placements.

The workshops were on finance, led by Arlene Mitchell from Dundee, good practice, with Jayne Kemp from Edinburgh, and risk management, with Alex Davidson, a Joint Improvement Team associate. Feedback from these workshops will inform our work plan going forward with an

opportunity for the collaborative to share their findings at our next event and through Twitter, a #collaborative link having been established.

Next steps

Now that the team has established a committed collaborative of autism partners across health and local authorities, our focus is increasingly on ensuring that implementation is effective at ground level. As mentioned in the previous report, we have been supporting NHS Highland with the development and implementation of their plan, working in partnership with the local autism community. Last month, we facilitated a further day's workshop with all of the key partners, which was very productive, resulting in a number of outcomes. These include the team facilitating networking and Strategy meeting on a six to eight weekly basis, in order to increase local engagement, particularly in remote and rural areas, where people have access related issues. The team are also supporting joint working to ensure that there is smooth transition between the children's and adults' plans, facilitating sessions with children and families staff.

In addition, the Coordination team are increasingly working in partnership with NES, in accordance with outcomes from Working Group 4, in order to widen their reach and identify gaps and solutions at a local level, as they roll out their training plan across the country. The team are planning a range of joint visits across Scotland to facilitate this.

Last month, we held an event as part of Strathclyde University's "Engage with Strathclyde" week, aimed at facilitating discussion between general provider organisations and commissioners or those purchasing services. We again worked with NES and other partners within the university in delivering this session, which resulted in a productive discussion amongst the candidates about how mid-range providers develop their organisations to meet the needs of people with autism and their families. This group also agreed to form a collaborative and are keen to meet on a regular basis.

Finally, the team is working in partnership with Julie Haslett, a JIT consultant, who has been appointed by Scottish Government to support the One-Stop Shop model. Now that Julie is in post, we will be meeting to discuss synergies with the National Coordination work. Julie will be working with the three autism charities on local commissioning relationships. Her objective is to support them in building relationships locally which lead to the OSS model being sustainable within Community Health Partnerships.

Appendix 1

Local Authority Strategies

Final versions

Aberdeen City – strategy and action plan submitted in January 2015

Aberdeenshire – strategy

Argyll and Bute – strategy. NACP supporting the development of an implementation plan

Comhairle nan Eilean Siar – strategy and action plan. NACP supporting strategic discussions with NHS partners

Dundee – Dundee shared their joint commissioning strategy at the lead officers' event in April

Edinburgh - Autism Plan (includes strategy and plan)

East Dunbartonshire Autism Strategy – Includes action plan and needs assessment. NACP supporting implementation

Falkirk Autism Strategy and action plan – NACP working with strategy group

Fife – Inclusive of improvement plan. NACP working with the local lead in relation to their implementation plan.

Inverclyde Autism Strategy and Action Plan – NACP/ANS supporting local implementation

Moray - Strategy

North Lanarkshire – strategy, consultation and return. NACP working with HOPE for autism to develop an implementation plan.

Orkney – Strategy. NACP supporting development of implementation plan

Renfrewshire - Strategy

Stirling and Clackmannanshire Autism Strategy Summary – strategy has been published. NACP has been supporting the lead officer

Draft versions

Dumfries and Galloway – Strategy and action plan. NACP supporting the lead officer to further develop this for launch on World Autism Day

East Lothian - Strategy

East Renfrewshire – Strategy. NACP working with lead officer to develop this and to include an action plan

Highland – separate Adult and Children plans. NACP supporting and facilitating local consultation

Midlothian - strategy

Perth and Kinross – action plan

Scottish Borders – Strategy and delivery plan. NACP working with the strategy group to ensure strategic commitment

Shetland - Action plan. NACP working with Shetland to support a fully developed strategy, as well as implementation.

South Lanarkshire - Strategy and action plan

Glasgow – Draft strategy has been submitted, pending approval from head on Integration Board. NACP working with lead officers and local ASD group

West Dunbartonshire – NACP has worked with lead officer who has submitted a draft, pending NACP working with strategic lead.

No strategy

Angus – Had submitted finalised plan, but new lead officer has withdrawn it to further develop it to reflect local needs. NACP/ANS supporting this.

Ayrshire Draft Delivery Plan – NACP has been supporting strategy group to develop a full strategy