

Summary of key messages and action items
Governance Group meeting, June 16 2015

KEY MESSAGES

The One Stop Shop evaluation report will be published soon. The Partnership of the heads of Autism Initiatives Scotland, National Autistic Society Scotland and Scottish Autism wrote the foreword and will write a further description of what a One Stop Shop is and does to sit alongside the report. The Governance Group remains keen to see the outcomes from the Autism Development Fund projects, and Autism Network Scotland will liaise with The Scottish Government to see how they can support efforts to complete the evaluation of these projects, so that examples of good practice can be recognised and publicised.

A recent conference in Perth was attended by autistic people, parents and carers. The feedback from this event was that people wanted to be more involved with the Scottish Strategy for Autism and wanted more events in their local areas. The conference planning team wants to involve local authorities and communities in planning their own events so that people can bring their concerns and suggestions forward. This was recognised as a valuable and important piece of work towards involving the autism community in the Strategy.

The National Autism Co-Ordination Project is continuing to work with local autism leads on their autism plans and strategies. Almost all of the local authorities have now submitted plans or strategies and are starting to implement them. They have held a second event for local leads, this one focussed on out of area placements and complex care. They also held an event for service providers and commissioners, and that group was keen to be involved in further collaboration with each other.

Autism Network Scotland has recently visited Shetland to support the implementation of their autism strategy. They hosted the first ever conference in Scotland focused on the needs and expectations of women and girls with autism. The Network also enhanced the profile of autism at the University of Strathclyde through participation in Engage Week.

ACTION ITEMS FROM LAST MEETING

1. **ACTION ITEM:** TW to include Group Goal on minutes – DONE (added to agenda)
2. **ACTION ITEM:** RI to send Royal College of General Practitioners autism contact to JMcP - DONE
3. **ACTION ITEM:** JMcP to contact someone in Education/Scottish Government to invite to Governance group – in progress
4. **ACTION ITEM:** KB to send further information on Autistic Pride Day to AP - DONE

NEW ACTION ITEMS

1. **ACTION ITEM:** RI to lead effort with The Partnership to write a clear and useful description of what a One Stop Shop is and does.
2. **ACTION ITEM:** EH to liaise with AP on how ANS can support the Scottish Government's efforts to evaluate the Autism Development Fund projects
3. **ACTION ITEM:** EH to contact Scottish Autism, National Autistic Society and Autism Initiatives to request links to ANS website be added to their websites.
4. **ACTION ITEM:** JMacl and AP to meet with four working group chairs to clarify expectations of the chairs and working groups
5. **ACTION ITEM:** Governance Group members to further review Working Group 2's work plan proposal and feed back to JF via TW

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