

**Summary of key messages and action items
Governance Group meeting, October 23 2015**

KEY MESSAGES

As the Scottish Strategy for Autism nears the end of its fourth year, the Strategy has been reframed into outcomes. This will align the Strategy with other national priorities. The Strategy's Fourth Annual Conference will take place on December 8 at the University of Strathclyde in Glasgow. Invitations will be sent out the last week of October.

The Autism Innovation and Development Fund applications are still under review due to the high number received. Decisions are expected to be made at the end of October. The Scottish Government expects to work with Inspiring Scotland, who will partner with funded projects to help them identify and share good practice.

The One Stop Shops across Scotland continue to work towards sustainable funding, and are partnering with Julie Haslett, Joint Improvement Team, to assure that funding is secured.

The group heard about key events taking place, including the September 25 National Autism Coordination Project's third business meeting, which focused on transitions. Working Group 2 put together the programme for the day. They also heard about the Employment Event held on October 5, which was also saw the launch of a new employment web resource.

The group heard an update on the Autism Trainer Award and the progress of its pilot cohort, made up of representatives of 18 local authorities.

ACTION ITEMS FROM LAST MEETING

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. – No update
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 - ongoing
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. – no update
4. **ACTION ITEM:** JMacL and AP to meet with four working group chairs to clarify expectations of the chairs and working groups - DONE
5. **ACTION ITEM:** Governance Group members to further review Working Group 2's work plan proposal and feed back to JF via TW - DONE

NEW ACTION ITEMS

1. **ACTION ITEM:** TW to email Group 3 members to ask them to join another group

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