

Scottish Strategy for Autism

Work Group 2

Update: October 2016 to January 2017

The group met 16/11/16. A further meeting is to be held (15/2/17) in advance of the Governance Group meeting. Our work-plan is updated following each meeting and made available on the Strategy website. Key actions over this period were:

- Contributed to the content of the 'Principles of Good Transitions 3' and its Autism supplement. Both publications were launched at the Scottish Strategy for Autism Conference on 16/1/17 by WG 2 members.
- Met with Inspiring Scotland concerning contact between WG 2 and relevant Innovation fund projects. Representative from Inspiring Scotland is to attend our meeting 15/2/17 to discuss options for joint workshop(s).
- Met with Minister for Mental Health (12/1/17) to discuss importance of Transitions. Briefing for meeting discussed with WG 2 members.
- Awaiting findings from a request for data submitted to the Learning Disability Observatory. An internal paper considering usefulness of SEEMiS data (a recording system for all pupils with additional support needs) has also been produced.
- Invited a representative from the GIRFEC Team to join the group.
- Updated Autism & Employment network on the activities of the group.
- Discussed Strategy refresh with Autism Co-ordination project.
- Discussed and contributed to transitions research being carried out by the University of Edinburgh.

Future actions include gathering examples of parent / carer peer support networks and seeking opportunities to encourage this approach. We plan to link with the SG Carers team on this.

We are also interested in how training and information relating to transitions can continue to be made available to practitioners, young people, parents and carers.

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