

ASD Reference Group Template – Database of Skills and Experience

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Consultant Speech and Language Therapist

1. Academic background / Training:

- Reg MRCSLT
- BPhil ASD (adults)
- M Ed ASD (adults)
- PG Cert Asperger syndrome
- D Prof Health and Social Care
- Doctorate

2. Work Experience

- 34 years working for NHS Lothian in Learning Disabilities service in variety of capacities
- 12 years as Adult Autism Co-ordinator
- 9 years with RASDCS carrying out diagnostic assessments for ASD in adults with LD but mainly those without LD
- Individual and group work
- Provide advice and support to individuals as required
- Extensive amount of training for others ranging from short courses for small staff groups up to and including Post Graduate education for a variety of staff groups (Social work, Medics, Dentists) at various universities (Birmingham, Edinburgh, QMU)
- Regular conference presentations on a variety of topics
- Contributed directly to development of services for adults with AS (No6)
- Set up parents support group (PASDA)
- Member of group that wrote the PHIS report
- Member of original ASD reference group – (also on diagnostic and training sub groups)
- Advisor to RCSLT
- Research interest in women with Asperger Syndrome

3. Strengths

- Long term direct practical experience of working with people with AS/D and their families
- Extensive theoretical knowledge of the subject of AS/D gained through continuous Further Education
- Independent thinker
- (Sense of humour!)

4. Skills

- Assessment
- Group work
- Teaching
- Liaising and co-ordinating across agencies

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