

ASD Reference Group Template – Database of Skills and Experience

Health and Social Care Integration Directorate
Adult Care and Support Division



We would like to develop a repository of skills / experience which ASD Reference Group members have, in order to ensure that these are adequately covered within the Group to finalise and take forward the Recommendations of the Autism Strategy. Please could you complete and return the short template below:

Nigel Rooke

1. Academic background / Training

Postgraduate Certificate	Managing in Health and Social Care	Distinction	Jan 2008
Introductory Diploma in Management	Management (Level 4)	Pass	Aug 2005
Certificate in Counselling Skills	Counselling	Pass	2001
Primary Certificate in Cognitive Behavioural Therapy	Counselling	Pass	2000
Degree BA Hons	Philosophy and Politics	2.1	June 1995

2. Work Experience

08/2010	Present	Glasgow City Council, Social Work Services	Service Manager – Mental Health/Learning Disability/Autism	
06/2005	08/2010	Glasgow City Council, Social Work Services	Autism Services Coordinator	Change of role
01/2004	06/2005	West Dunbartonshire Council, Chief Execs Dept	Youth Trust Development Coordinator	Take up new post
02/2002	01/2004	West Dunbartonshire Council, Skillseekers	Employability Project Leader	Take up new post
08/1999	02/2002	Prospects, NAS, Hope St, Glasgow	Assistant Coordinator/Employment Consultant	Take up new post
02/1999	08/1999	National Autistic Society, Hope St, Glasgow	Volunteers Manager Scotland	Take up new post

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02/1996	11/1998	Voluntary Service Overseas, Nigeria	Project Manager/Teacher Trainer	End of placement
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3. Strengths

- 15 years experience in variety of roles within social care setting, 9 years of which have been specifically within the field of autism.
- Within these autism roles, my 'hands-on' experience has been with children, adults and carers, working directly with them and developing services for them. Although this experience has been across the autism spectrum, much of my hands-on work has been with higher functioning individuals.
- More recently, the autism roles have been more strategic in nature, developing strategy, policy and initiatives across Glasgow and Greater Glasgow and Clyde. In particular, I have managed a range of health, social work and voluntary sector services in relation to autism. I am also lead officer for Glasgow City Council's Working Group on autism, and coordinate the Council's response to the challenges that autism brings.
- Most recently I am operating as a Senior Manager within Social Work Services, managing mental health, learning disability and autism services, and have been particularly involved in implementing self-directed support.
- I also have a family member who is on the autism spectrum.

4. Skills

- Extensive hands-on and practical knowledge of the autism spectrum and how it affects those on it, as well as those with responsibility for caring for them.
- Experience of developing and delivering a wide range of services and initiatives for people on the autism spectrum.
- Policy and strategy development for people on the autism spectrum within Glasgow City Council and Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS, and wide-ranging experience of working within a political arena.
- Senior Management experience within Social Work Services and a sound understanding of legislature in this respect.
- Good leadership, team working, partnership and communication skills. I am able to challenge the 'status quo' to bring about change for the better, whilst ensuring that people are consulted and are happy to make the change.