

**Summary of key messages and action items**  
**Working Group 2 meeting, January 20, 2015**

**KEY MESSAGES**

Workgroup Two is looking at the Goal: *Access to appropriate transition planning across the lifespan*. The group will focus efforts on improving transitions of young people (ages 14-25), but will consider opportunities to affect other transitions. Recommendations from this group will as far as possible be developed in partnership with young people with autism, their carers and professionals from across all relevant sectors. The group will approach transitions as a process, not a single event (such as school-leaving.) Progress will be guided by data analysis and better understanding of current process, concerns of service users and families. The group recognizes that there is often confusion for young people and families during this transition period about what support they are entitled to and is accountable for coordinating it. We also acknowledge that many young people with autism will not meet current eligibility criteria for adult services, however our work should also take regard of how their life chances can be improved.

**NEW ACTION ITEMS**

- 1. ACTION ITEM:** SR to send video links to TW for dissemination to working group (mid-March)
- 2. ACTION ITEM:** LS to update Group's priority plan timescales and indicate which items have already been completed (mid-February)
- 3. ACTION ITEM:** SR and LS to distil learning from Principles of Good Transitions 2 roadshows into 4-5 key recommendations. They will have this done by mid-February and add any additional points raised from March event in Wick later. They will present this at the next group meeting (1<sup>st</sup> week March)
- 4. ACTION ITEM:** JF to bring results from ARC Scotland's survey of senior officials within health, education and social work on how effective PoGT2 is in improving transition support.
- 5. ACTION ITEM:** JF to request data from Scottish Analytical Services, via AT – numbers of young people with autism in education (destinations,

attainment, data by local authority). LS will first check if the national Autism Coordination Project has or plans to request this information.

6. **ACTION ITEM:** JD to look at data from Opportunities for All to see if there is anything autism-specific (1<sup>st</sup> week March)
7. **ACTION ITEM:** IH to gather mentions of transitions from local autism strategies and plans and present in document (1<sup>st</sup> week March)
8. **ACTION ITEM:** LS to check with National Autism Co-Ordination Project to see if they have any transitions data from their work with local authorities (1<sup>st</sup> week March)
9. **ACTION ITEM:** TW to get proposed dates from JF, send out Doodle poll
10. **ONGOING:** SR and LS are working to identify areas in the PoGT2 document that might need tweaking before next publication/version 3

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