

Summary of key messages and action items
Working Group 2 meeting, March 4, 2015

KEY MESSAGES

Workgroup Two is looking at the Goal: *Access to appropriate transition planning across the lifespan.*

The group has heard concerns from people with autism and their families from the Principles of Good Transitions 2 roadshows. We have identified six themes that we think need to be addressed if we are to help improve transitions for young people with autism. They are: processes, options and choices, accountability, information and training, eligibility and unmet need, resources.

The group is considering ways to measure the outcomes that young people have achieved as well as their positive destinations in training and employment. There is good practice in local authorities, and the group wants to identify these good examples and share them with others, in order to guide local authorities' plans and strategies.

ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

1. **ACTION ITEM:** SR to send video links to TW for dissemination to working group – videos are still in editing, should be ready late March
2. **ACTION ITEM:** LS to update Group's priority plan timescales and indicate which items have already been completed – DONE. LS gave an update on these, which included information about the Employment Network event in October and future plans related to promoting employment of autistic people to employers, and the development of support materials (website, leaflets, etc.)
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 – DONE (presentation today)
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. – DONE (presentation today)

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. –IH has data (presentation today)
6. **ACTION ITEM:** JD to look at data from Opportunities for All to see if there is anything autism-specific – no report
7. **ACTION ITEM:** IH to gather mentions of transitions from local autism strategies and plans and present in document – DONE (presentation today)
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 – DONE (none noted)
9. **ACTION ITEM:** TW to get proposed dates from JF, send out Doodle poll – DONE
10. **ONGOING:** SR and LS are working to identify areas in the PoGT2 document that might need tweaking before next publication/version 3

NEW ACTION ITEMS

1. **ACTION ITEM:** AT to look into the situation regarding additional funding (£1K) for transitions focused events
2. **ACTION ITEM:** AT to report back on findings from Autism Development Fund (ADF) projects
3. **ACTION ITEM:** AT to report on which funded projects are about transitions
4. **ACTION ITEM:** SR to forward the report (once complete) to see if their experiences match the findings from the Principles of Good Transitions 2 roadshows to funded transitions projects for their feedback
5. **ACTION ITEM:** IH to forward updated report on local autism plans and strategies' approach to transitions to National Autism Co-ordination Project (NACP)
6. **ACTION ITEM:** SR and LS will update the report with learning from further events. Once this has been done, it will be circulated to ADF

Transitions projects and local autism strategy leads for input and comments.

- 7. ACTION ITEM:** JF to meet with NACP and discuss how they may be able to help us check out the 'Digging Deeper' recommendations through their contacts with local autism strategy leads.
- 8. ACTION ITEM:** SR to look at recommendations already in public domain and try to align them with the recommendations. Once this is done he will circulate them to the rest of the steering group for additions they are aware of for discussion at next meeting.
- 9. ACTION ITEM:** AT to confirm whether the group can respond to the Children and Young Persons Act consultation, given that the group is funded by the Scottish Government
- 10. ACTION ITEM:** If we are able to respond, SR (with LS) to draft recommendations for guidance to submit during consultation, circulate to group via email before next meeting
- 11. ACTION ITEM:** IH to simplify E-say and Pupils in Scotland data with focus on transitions, and present at next meeting
- 12. ACTION ITEM:** SR to check Sir Harry Burns' work for relevant information, and circulate it and any other relevant papers/research data on eligibility
- 13. ACTION ITEM:** AT to find out if review (of Self-Directed Support eligibility criteria) occurred or if/when it will occur

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