

Summary of key messages and action items
Working Group 3 meeting, February 4, 2015

KEY MESSAGES

Workgroup Three is looking at the Goal: *Consistent adoption of good practice guidance in key areas of education, health and social care across all local authority areas*

The meeting focused on how the group can support the development of good autism practice in Scotland. The group heard about the findings from the research series, and will be reviewing this information for the next meeting. The group received an update about the progress of the National Autism Co-Ordination Project, which is working to assure every local authority in Scotland has an autism strategy and/or plan in place. The group discussed knowledge hubs, and is considering how they might contribute to starting one for good autism practice. They discussed frameworks and will be collating available information on this for future use. The group is keen to see the results of the Autism Development Fund projects; the data is going to be analysed through Scottish Government and will be available at a later date. The group is also considering a “good autism practice” sharing event, and will discuss this further at the next meeting.

ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

1. **ACTION ITEM:** TW to send Working Group Member document to full group - (DONE)
2. **ACTION ITEM:** CT to research existing autism research knowledge hubs, etc and report back on findings – DONE, presentation today
3. **ACTION ITEM:** CT to review various frameworks and report back on definitions of “good practice” – DONE, presentation today
4. **ACTION ITEM:** CT to contact Glenys of GAP to determine if they have a framework for determining what is good practice – DONE - CT reported that there is “no criteria, as it is not that easy” to define.
5. **ACTION ITEM:** TW to gain access to Strategy web site counters, provide visit statistics – TW reported that it would cost £90 to set this up, no action was taken
6. **ACTION ITEM:** JNM to invite Jean/Donald of NACP to next meeting – DONE (presentation today)
7. **ACTION ITEM:** AT will bring completed (Autism Development Fund) evaluations to the next WG3 meeting – AT reported that the Scottish

Government is looking at how to evaluate the ADF projects

8. ITEMS IN PROGRESS:

AWD to provide Research Into Practice final paper by end of December;
work on Scottish edition of JADD – paper due imminently

NEW ACTION ITEMS

1. **ACTION ITEM:** AWD to send Powerpoint file on research series report findings to TW for distribution to the group
2. **ACTION ITEM:** AWD to check with Aitken and Simmons on Scottish JADD issue
3. **ACTION ITEM:** JP to look into knowledge hubs and setting one up through ANS virtual networks
4. **ACTION ITEM:** CT to check with NES to see if they have already gathered and collated frameworks
5. **ACTION ITEM:** JP to collate available framework resources (get from CT), write them up (if not already done by NES)
6. **ACTION ITEM:** TW/JP to promote Strategy web site via social media
7. **For further discussion:** Consider what would happen at a “good practice sharing” event, and what the outcomes of the event would be.

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