

Summary of key messages and action items
Working Group 3 meeting, April 15, 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 group would like to continue to pursue the idea of a Scottish research-focused edition of the Journal of Autism and Developmental Disorders, and members of the group will continue to discuss this before the next meeting. The group would also like to continue pursuing the idea of a good autism practice festival, where good examples from across Scotland could be shared, and would like to do this in connection with the 4th Annual Conference on the Scottish Strategy for Autism, tentatively scheduled for November 2015. The group is keen to see two key pieces of work; the final report from the Action on Autism Research Series, and the outcomes from the Autism Development Fund funded projects. The group will continue to consider good autism practice and how it relates to commissioning. The group plans to launch a Knowledge Network on the Autism Network Scotland and is currently working to develop this. The Knowledge Network will be a place where researchers and practitioners can share examples of good practice and discuss it with each other. It is hoped that this could be formally launched at the November Conference.

ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

1. **ACTION ITEM:** AWD to send Powerpoint file on research series report findings to TW for distribution to the group - DONE
2. **ACTION ITEM:** AWD to check with Aitken and Simmons on Scottish JADD issue - JNM read a message from AWD that indicated JADD was more likely to consider publishing an edition with a theme over a country-focused one.
3. **ACTION ITEM:** JP to look into knowledge hubs and setting one up through ANS virtual networks – DONE – further decisions to be made about format
4. **ACTION ITEM:** CT to check with NES to see if they have already gathered and collated frameworks – No report

5. **ACTION ITEM:** JP to collate available framework resources (get from CT), write them up (if not already done by NES) – In progress, materials not received
6. **ACTION ITEM:** TW/JP to promote Strategy web site via social media - Ongoing
7. **For further discussion:** Consider what would happen at a “good practice sharing” event, and what the outcomes of the event would be. – (Discussion today)

NEW ACTION ITEMS

1. **ACTION ITEM:** JNM to follow up with AWD to get more details about proposed event (June 2015)
2. **ACTION ITEM:** KA and AWD to liaise on JADD edition
3. **ACTION ITEM:** JP to send examples of forum descriptions (“blurbs”) to full group for consideration.
4. **ACTION ITEM:** Group to send ideas on blurb, code of conduct, privacy settings and moderation to TW for collation and dissemination before next meeting.
5. **ACTION ITEM:** JP to invite someone from SARG to attend a Working Group 3 meeting to tell the group about their start up and processes.
6. **ACTION ITEM:** JP to send RP contact information for dentist in Highland with autism resources
7. **ACTION ITEM:** JNM to call Annette Pyle to ask about status and offer for a small group to help to guide the assessor on what to look for. (DONE)

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