

Summary of key messages and action items
Working Group 4 meeting, January 13, 2015

KEY MESSAGES

Workgroup Four is looking at the Goal: *Capacity and awareness building in mainstream services to ensure people with ASD are met with recognition and understanding of autism*

The terminology of the group's goal was reviewed by the group and priorities reworded, while retaining the original meaning. 'Capacity' was agreed by the group to be interpreted as 'Skills brought about by knowledge and experience'.

The priorities were discussed and ongoing work streams identified. It was recognised that guiding the effective dissemination of the NES training framework would be a driver of much of the work plan of Group 4. The autism alert card report compiled by Robert MacBean of NAS was discussed and will be further discussed at the next meeting.

The group have been asked to give consideration to specific actions/considerations or changes that could make greatest impact on the awareness and skills of those who support, work with and live with autistic people.

NEW ACTION ITEMS

1. **ACTION ITEM:** AP to contact NAS director with invitation
2. **ACTION ITEM:** TW to send Royal College of General Practitioners Scotland lead contact information to JR (DONE)
3. **ACTION ITEM:** AM will see if she has any service provider group contacts
4. **ACTION ITEM:** All: Please read materials and think about where we focus our activity for greatest impact

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