

Summary of key messages and action items
Working Group 4 meeting, June 9, 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*

Working Group 4 would like to see more mentoring and sharing of autism experience across health, education and social work. They are exploring the best ways to accomplish this. One idea is to improve upon current teacher training. Another idea is to look at local authorities who have successful programmes and use these as a model for other areas. Still another idea is to find ways to free up some time for people working in education and health with expertise in autism to share what they know with their colleagues.

ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

1. **ACTION ITEM:** KB to send JR her input on the Training Plan - DONE
2. **ACTION ITEM:** JR to send KB pharmacist web resources on autism - DONE
3. **ACTION ITEM:** AMG and JR to partner on creation of a questionnaire for April conference - DONE
4. **ACTION ITEM:** KF to send Circle information to BC – (noted after meeting that this was DONE)
5. **ACTION ITEM:** KF and AMG are to look at available diagnostic facilities across Scotland and determine what their current level of training is (informed, skilled, enhanced or expert) – no report
6. **ACTION ITEM:** JR to meet with National Autism Co-Ordination Team in April, to consider ways of determining best practice in diagnosis in local authorities, and how to disseminate the Training Framework and Plan in local authorities for inclusion in local strategies and plans. - DONE
7. **ACTION ITEM:** AT to consider the best route to getting information with regard to what local authorities report to be doing on diagnosis as per each local strategy. DONE - AT reported that the National Autism Co-Ordination Project team would be better placed to take up this work.

NEW ACTION ITEMS

1. **ACTION ITEM:** AMG to contact David Watt, Education Scotland, about adapting Framework for Education
2. **ACTION ITEM:** MCS to contact Carolyn Brown for further information about the Fife model
3. **ACTION ITEM:** BC to contact Jayne Porter at Autism Network Scotland/Working Group 3 member, and Moira Park, Scottish Autism/Autism Toolbox, to see if they have information about current teacher training programmes

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