

**Summary of key messages and action items**  
**Working Group 4 meeting, August 31, 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 group heard an update from Janine Robinson, NES, who reported that an updated web resource for primary care physicians has been completed and will be online soon. The group will be taking a look at training levels in diagnostic facilities across Scotland, as well as at data from a recent ADOS project. The group is also keen to know more about autism in teacher training, and will be gathering data from a number of sources related to this. The group has been asked to gather information on autism alert cards available in their areas and forward this information to Tracy Wenzl for collation.

**ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

1. **ACTION ITEM:** AMG to contact David Watt, Education Scotland, about adapting Framework for Education - Information was gathered from head teachers in primary and secondary education about the content of the framework with regard to citizenship, valuing others and equalities, to ascertain if there was mileage in considering teaching on autism within the framework. The framework does not consider specific conditions or specific groups of people and therefore was not considered a realistic option.
2. **ACTION ITEM:** MCS to contact Carolyn Brown for further information about the Fife model - DONE
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 - DONE

## NEW ACTION ITEMS

1. **ACTION ITEM:** AP to follow up with KF on levels of training at diagnostic facilities across Scotland
2. **ACTION ITEM:** AP to follow up with Edinburgh University on recent ADOS project, which could also provide useful information about diagnostics
3. **ACTION ITEM:** AP to ask Moira Park about current autism training within teacher training programmes (core vs. optional)
4. **ACTION ITEM:** AP to revise Outcome 3, moving the One Stop Shop items into Outcome 1 and revising achievement 4 and what we will do next 4.
5. **ACTION ITEM:** AR to gather data on who attended and what is next for Strathclyde University attenders
6. **ACTION ITEM:** AP to invite Open University to provide data and attend next meeting
7. **ACTION ITEM:** AP to send out timescale for funded project review to the group to seek available volunteers for the review panel
8. **ACTION ITEM:** JR to send poster to AP
9. **ACTION ITEM:** AP to send links to resources on learning disability and bereavement to JR
10. **ACTION ITEM:** Everyone to think about where alert cards are offered and how to access them – send this information to TW for collation.

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