

Working Group 1 meeting minutes
25 November 2015, 1 pm
Number 6 One Stop Shop, Edinburgh

REVIEWED BY CHAIR

Members present: **Audrey Espie**, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde; **Richard Ibbotson**, Autism Initiatives; **Alison Leask**, Autism Argyll; **Paul Lennon**, Autism Resource Centre Glasgow; **Roo Philip**, Tailor Ed; **Annette Pyle**, Scottish Government (Care, Support and Rights); **Marie Claire Shankland**, NHS Education for Scotland; **Cathy Steedman**, Autism Initiatives; **Annie Watson**, Autism Network Scotland (for Emma Hanley); **Tom Wightman**, Parent/Carer

Apologies: **Aline-Wendy Dunlop**, University of Strathclyde; **Emma Hanley**, Autism Network Scotland; **Stella MacDonald**, Autism Consultant; **John Mitchell**, Principal Medical Officer, Scottish Government; **Judith Piggot**, NHS Tayside; **Lisa Sturges**, National Autistic Society; **Nicola Thomson**, Scottish Government (Care, Support and Rights);

Absent: **Kirsty Forsyth**, Autism Achieve Alliance/Queen Margaret University; **Basel Switzer**, NHS Borders;

Minutes by: Tracy Wenzl, Autism Network Scotland

- I. **Apologies** – apologies were read.
- II. **Welcome and introductions** - done.
- III. **Minutes of previous meeting and action points**
 - a. The minutes of the last meeting were accepted with one change.
 - b. Action points
 - i. AE to send diagnostic document to Tracy for distribution to group - DONE
 - ii. AP to follow up SIGN guideline progress and report back – DONE – consultation just ended (group members were notified during consultation period and provided link.) The final publication is due in Spring 2016.
ACTION ITEM: AL to send her copy of consultation document to group (DONE)
 - iii. AP to follow up on microsegmentation report progress and find someone to come report on this at next meeting – Tommy MacKay expects to have something by the end of the year
 - iv. AP to invite Julie Haslett to attend next meeting – RI contacted by email, may attend future meeting
Discussion about the One Stop Shops – financial situations across Scotland with all OSSs funding due to come to an end March 2016. AP is to send position on locality statements to Minister with options.
 - v. Group to consider what questions they have about SDS, bring to future meeting - today
 - vi. AP to find someone from SDS to report at a future group meeting – to discuss today
- VI. Any other business
 - a. Self-Directed Support (SDS)

RI read a letter received from a parent regarding her adult son's experience with accessing SDS. The group discussed this and the situation in that particular authority as well as the wider situation throughout Scotland. MCS noted that SDS was originally designed for people with physical disabilities who know what they need. It didn't consider things like dementia, autism, learning disabilities etc where people might need support in determining their needs. PL discussed Glasgow's consultation last year, which looked at what was happening with SDS. He discussed the budgetary challenges local authorities are facing and issues in eligibility criteria.

ACTION ITEM: PL to send link to consultation report to TW for distribution

ACTION ITEM: AP to invite Sarah Stuart, SDS or colleague to next meeting

ACTION ITEM: RI to send information from letter to AP to be forwarded to SDS

ACTION ITEM: PL to invite Chris Melling, Glasgow City Council, to next meeting for local authority perspective on SDS

b. Workplan

NES FRAMEWORK: MCS gave an update on the status of NHS Education for Scotland (NES) work. They have presented to a number of different groups – health visitors, school nurses, etc. They had a stand at the Royal College of General Practitioners conference and are making contact with Scottish networks of GPs. GPs have been doing the e-learning module on the NES autism resource website. NES has an event planned for February on complex care and co-morbidities. They are targeting practitioners who have recently completed ADOS and related courses for follow up. NES is getting requests from the Care Inspectorate for Training Frameworks as well as requests from a care centre in Cambria.

RI asked how NES was measuring success. MCS responded that they are seeing the Framework and Plan embedded in local strategies and plans. RP suggested that NES set up samples now, as local authorities launch these embedded plans, so that the impact can be measured over time (years.) AL offered to check with Argyll & Bute to see if they could participate.

MCS also noted that NES is holding an event in December on adapting practice for autism with a view to producing a good autism practice guide.

NATIONAL AUTISM COORDINATION PROJECT: AP noted the National Team continues to meet with localities to progress action plans and implementation. and referred to the [recent update on NACP activity](#) tabled by Donald Macleod at the October Governance Group meeting as the most recent information available on the project's work.

NATIONAL UPDATE: AP reported that following a chairs' meeting in August, Jane Neil-MacLachlan stepped down as chair of Working Group 3. At the October Governance Group meeting, it was decided that good autism practice fit with the remaining three groups, so members would be asked to choose which group they'd like to join. Working Group 3 will no longer exist.

Other important developments are the NACP work (linked earlier,) the [transitions event for lead officers in September](#) and the [Digging Deeper report](#). AP noted the Innovation Fund applicants had been notified if they were successful, with a few organisations still in discussion on project specifics. A full list of awards will be published to the Strategy site soon. A list of previous projects with summaries will also be published. RI asked if Group 1 would be able to see what projects fell under their outcome and AP replied yes, they would.

- VII. Plan for next meeting
Wednesday, 2 March at 1pm in Glasgow

- VIII. Key messages (summary of meeting for circulation)

KEY MESSAGES

Working Group 1 discussed Self-Directed Support and the challenges faced by people trying to access it, as well as by local authorities trying to fund and support it. They will invite someone from Self-Directed Support to the next meeting, as well as a local authority lead who is involved in funding decisions.

The group remains concerned about the funding situation for the One Stop Shops and is in full support of their continued success. They plan to carefully watch developments over the next few months, as current funding expires in March 2016.

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