

# Scottish Strategy for Autism

## Work Group 1

### Achievements: June 2015- May 2016

**Work Group 1 has met on 4 occasions over the last year. The focus has been guided by the overarching goal ‘access to integrated service provision across the lifespan to address the multi-dimensional aspects of autism’ and specifically the 4 agreed work plan priorities.**

At each meeting we have reviewed the specific activities identified in the work plan, seeking further information and updates from colleagues and others as required.

In addition group members have been able to share information and useful resources.

#### **Priorities:**

1. Improve diagnostic service provision and access to it: in particular adult diagnosis where there is no co-occurring condition.

The group has heard about the work of the Autism Achieve Alliance and recently about the appointment of an Improvement Advisor in connection with this work. Examples of where diagnosis is still problematic have been shared and circulated beyond the group.

2. Improve diagnostic support and access to it

Group members have shared the progress of the development of the Autism Training Framework and contributed suggestions about its implementation and development of use. We have been encouraged that NES continues to be funded for activities relating to the strategy.

3. Influence local autism planning

The group has received regular updates on the progress of National Autism Coordination Project.

In the last 2 meetings we have held discussions on the implementation of Self Directed Support, led by guests from the SDS division as well as local authorities. Examples of its success as well as when SDS has not been successful for people with autism have been shared. We have discussed the potential for the refresh and recirculation of the Autism SDS assessment guide. The group has been updated on the progress of the Microsegmentation project and the delays in completion of the report.

4. Consider the future sustainability of the One Stop Shops.

The group has received regular updates on the development and sustainability of the One Stop Shops.

**Other activity**

Discussion held regarding the issues raised by the MWC report into death of Miss MN. Draft of collated observations in relation to Group 1's specific priorities has been shared and will be submitted to the Governance Group.

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