

Scottish Strategy for Autism

Work Group 2

Achievements: June 2015 - May 2016

The group has met five times over this period. A Work-plan has been agreed and is updated following each meeting.

The key reference points for are work are 'Principles of Good Transitions 2' and subsequent 'Digging Deeper' consultation with young people, carers and professionals.

Achievements:

Produced a paper on using 2011 national census data to establish an improved understanding of the numbers of young people who receive post school support and levels of unmet need. Discussed the data requested with the Scottish Government and Learning Disability Observatory. Formal submission for data made and accepted.

Gathered headline data concerning the engagement of One Stop Shops with young people in transition and reviewed pupils in Scotland data.

Worked with National Coordination project to design and deliver a strategy Collaborative event in September 2015. The event included consultation with lead officers on the content of the Group 2 work-plan. Arranged and delivered workshop input concerning asset mapping, parental peer support, Principles of Good Transitions 2 and transitions legislation

Inputted to 2015 Innovation and Development Fund priorities, including requesting the inclusion of peer support initiatives.

Assisted with development and delivery of annual Autism Strategy national conference 8 December 2015, including presentation on transitions and Group 2 work-plan.

Organised workshop delivered by Highland OSS at annual strategy conference December 2015 on their work to engage with local schools.

Secured input from Dundee City Council and City of Edinburgh Council to deliver workshop at the Autism Strategy annual conference entitled 'Strategic approaches to supporting young adult transitions.'

Made contact with Keys to Life team concerning developing links with the Accessible Transport Policy Team.

Worked with Scottish Transitions Forum and Govan Law Centre on “flow chart” of legislation as it applied to young people with additional support needs.

Presented overview of Autism strategy and Group 2 work-plan at SCLD Transitions conference on 23 March 2016.

Supported Autism Network in the development of the aims and purpose of Principles of Good Transitions 3 autism supplement.

Met with Inspiring Scotland to discuss contact between Group 2 and Innovation fund projects.

Produced a paper that reviews issues relating to transitions raised by MWC report into death of Miss MN. Circulated internally to group 2 members for their input in first instance.

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