Summary of key messages and action items
Working Group 4 meeting, 15 January 2016

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 has been able to list individuals in Scotland who have been recently trained in the use of autism diagnostic tools. It has further highlighted areas of interest for more investigation. The work on diagnostics for people on the autistic spectrum remain a focus for this group.

Discussions on educating teachers on 'working with people on the autistic spectrum' have developed. The group are looking for opportunities where they can influence curriculum development in teacher training institutions.

NEW ACTION ITEMS

1. **ACTION ITEM:**CM to circulate outcomes document with meeting documents.
2. **ACTION ITEM:** AMG/CM to circulate information on diagnosticians in Scotland recently trained on ADOS or DISCO to working group.
3. **ACTION ITEM:** AMG gathering information on those who are recently DISCO trained and who have changed their practice as a result of undertakingthis training
4. **ACTION ITEM:** AP to speak with Education colleagues within Scottish Government and Education Scotland about the provision of autism courses in teacher training. AP to investigate contacts at the HMIE.
5. **ACTION ITEM**: AMG(chair) and AP will arrange a meeting with OU to gather data and bring back to group
6. **ACTION ITEM:** Group to identify current use of Alert Cards in agencies, including how they are disseminated. CM to add this Alert card item to agenda for the next Working Group 4 meeting.
7. **ACTION ITEM:** A summary report of previously funded projects with recommendations will be compiled by group 4.

8. **ACTION ITEM**: CM to add new agenda item on ways in which the Scottish Government target training initiatives to make maximum impact.
9. **ACTION ITEM:** CM to carry forward item on NSPCC and access parenting capacity with Bill Coley.

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