

ASD Reference Group Template – Database of Skills and Experience

Health and Social Care Integration Directorate

Adult Care and Support Division



We would like to develop a repository of skills / experience which ASD Reference Group members have, in order to ensure that these are adequately covered within the Group to finalise and take forward the Recommendations of the Autism Strategy. Please could you complete and return the short template below:

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1. Academic background / Training

BA (Hons) Religious Studies (Stirling University)

MSc Sociology (London School of Economics)

2. Work Experience

- Information, advice and counselling volunteer, 'Off the Record', Stirling
- Independent living support worker for adults with learning difficulties (including those who also have an ASD), the Elfrida Society, London
- Volunteer, Cruse Bereavement Care, Paisley
- Residential support worker for adults with physical and learning disabilities (including those who also have an ASD), Margaret Blackwood Housing Association, Cardonald
- Volunteering programme manager (hospital setting), Renfrewshire and Inverclyde Primary Care NHS Trust – covering learning disabilities (Merchiston in Renfrewshire); mental health (Dykebar in Paisley) and older people (Hawkhead in Paisley)
- Social Support Officer for young people leaving care, 'the big step' Care Leavers' Social Inclusion Partnership, Glasgow
- Regeneration Manager (Health Improvement), West Dunbartonshire Community Planning Partnership
- Senior Regeneration Manager (Worklessness), West Dunbartonshire Social Inclusion Partnership
- Portfolio Manager (Children, Education and Lifelong Learning), Audit Scotland
- Policy Manager (Health and Social Care), the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities

3. Strengths

- Experience of working in social care services, including as a support worker for people with autism and Asperger's
- Understanding of, and commitment to, co-production and developing person-centred services
- Knowledge and understanding of issues facing local government in the current economic environment
- Knowledge of public sector and scrutiny environment (including Best Value regime)

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4. Skills

- Partnership working
- Strategic planning (esp in relation to health improvement and delivery of outcomes)
- Financial management
- Performance management and monitoring
- Qualitative research design / managing research contracts
- Programme / project evaluation
- Service re-design