

**GREATER MANCHESTER CONSORTIUM
TO DEVELOP LOCAL SERVICES FOR
PEOPLE WITH AUTISM**

FAMILY SERVICES DEVELOPMENT PROJECT REPORT

STEERING GROUP MEETING

To be held on Monday 27th February 2006
between 2pm – 4pm
The Boardroom, Crompton House
100 Chorley Road
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**FAMILY SERVICES DEVELOPMENT PROJECT REPORT
(PERIOD COVERED FROM 14.11.05. – 17.02.06.)**

DISTRIBUTION OF REFERRALS

Local Authority	Total referrals	Male referrals			Female referrals		
		All ages	Under-19	Under-5	All ages	Under-19	Under-5
Bolton	153	118	71	2	35	16	0
Bury	124	108	76	0	16	11	0
Manchester	372	334	223	7	38	28	1
Oldham	85	68	41	0	17	8	0
Rochdale	96	78	42	2	18	12	0
Salford	165	139	94	1	26	16	0
Stockport	244	205	137	3	39	25	0
Tameside	98	84	58	3	14	6	0
Trafford	171	141	93	4	30	17	1
Wigan	87	74	42	1	13	6	0
Left GMA	22	18	10	0	4	3	0
Closed Cases	10	7	2	0	3	2	0
	1627	1374	889	23	253	150	2

Of the 1,627 referrals known to our service 799 have a diagnosis of autism, 472 have a diagnosis of Asperger's syndrome and 356 haven't yet received a diagnosis.

EXPLANATION AND ANALYSIS OF TABLES
(Period covered between 14.11.05. – 17.02.06.)

AUTHORITY	NO OF FAMILY/ INDIVIDUAL CALLS	NO OF PROF CALLS	TOTAL TIME PER AUTHORITY	ISSUES RAISED									
				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
BOLTON	4	3	1hr 50 mins	0	2	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
BURY	25	1	4hrs 20 mins	4	1	10	4	0	0	2	0	0	8
MANCHESTER	32	5	10hrs 15 mins	4	5	17	3	3	0	2	1	0	16
OLDHAM	2	1	35 mins	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
ROCHDALE	3	4	1hr 10 mins	0	0	1	1	0	0	3	0	0	2
SALFORD	6	1	1hr	1	1	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	2
STOCKPORT	8	4	4hrs 52 mins	1	1	6	1	0	0	1	0	0	5
TAMESIDE	2	1	45 mins	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	1
TRAFFORD	9	3	4hrs 25 mins	2	2	6	6	1	0	0	0	0	2
WIGAN	8	1	4hrs 10 mins	0	3	2	6	1	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER	0	2	35 mins	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	99	26	32hrs 27 mins	12	15	48	33	5	0	9	1	0	39

KEY TO ISSUES RAISED

- 1 Issues around diagnosis**
- 2 Behaviour management**
- 3 Family support**
- 4 Support for adult with ASD**
- 5 Respite (overnight accommodation)/ Residential care**
- 6 Benefits**
- 7 Leisure**
- 8 Transition (14yrs-19yrs)**
- 9 Education**

AUTISM SERVICES DEVELOPMENT GROUPS

BOLTON

The Children's Group in Bolton recently invited Commissioners to presentations about two local projects that have been very well-received but now need funding to continue their good work. One of these is a leisure scheme for children with ASD who are in mainstream school, and the other is a multi-agency pilot project aimed to help children with sensory processing difficulties.

A new Adult Group is due to be set up that will take a strategic overview of autism service development. This will complement, and work closely with, the more practitioner-focused group that already meets regularly.

BURY

There has been a Hanan “More than Words” course running and it is hoped that they will be able to run this programme at least once a year.

The social group is going from strength to strength.

In adults the plan is to bring some people currently in out-of-area placements back to Bury. Plans include using shared-ownership as a way of getting housing. A mortgage company has agreed to provide £1 million pounds towards a shared-ownership scheme.

MANCHESTER

The group is due to meet again on 16th Feb. All the sub-groups have agreed to write a summary of their priorities to be passed to commissioners. The Transition Sub-Group is looking at housing as well as access to leisure and access to FE.

The Adult Group has recently reformed and is also prioritizing housing as well as a care pathway for adults with Asperger’s Syndrome and training.

OLDHAM

Work is on-going for accreditation of the Day Services. The youth group is running weekly and there are paid sessional workers running the group. A full-time post has been agreed for the Befriending role with funding agreed for 2 years. This role will be one to further develop preventative work for people with autism within Oldham.

A great deal of training is going on around intensive interaction and there are plans to develop this into a course.

There are some parent workshops about to start in Oldham and it is hoped that these will be rolling programmes.

ROCHDALE

The group has recently made a successful application for funding for a youth group for children with ASD. This is due to start a.s.a.p. There has also been some parent workshops based on Hanen ‘More than Words’ running recently as a pilot.

There is a programme currently running for parents of children who have particularly challenging behaviour which includes Team Teach methods.

SALFORD

In the Adults Group work is on-going around accreditation, Befriending and training.

The Children’s Group is discussing the restarting of the ASD Assessment Classroom which is a multi-disciplinary assessment provision.

STOCKPORT

The Stockport group is due to meet on Friday February 17th.

Stockport CAMHS recently held a consultation event which we attended to identify ways to develop and improve services for children with learning disabilities.

TAMESIDE

This group has not met for some time. Work is currently underway to develop a multi-agency care pathway.

TRAFFORD

Chris Ferns has moved on so there is currently no chair. The group is still meeting to discuss issues around the care pathway for adults with Asperger's Syndrome, training and a multi-disciplinary assessment provision.

WIGAN

The group has restarted and there is a Development Group chaired by Martin Hanbury and Judith Rosco and a Strategy Group chaired by Julie Nickisson, Service Development Manager for the PCT. Issues being discussed are the funding of the Help! programme, training and a care pathway from the point of diagnosis.

OTHER WORK

(a) One Day Help!

There is a one-day Help! programme running in North Manchester on 22nd March. Places are open to parents of 3-12 year olds who have had a diagnosis in the last 18 months. We have had about 38 of the 50 places taken up so far. This was possible thanks to a donation by the Connaught Trust.

(b) Parent Seminar

There is an NAS parent seminar in Oldham on Sunday 5th March on 'Growing Up and Puberty'. Places are available via the NAS Regional team.

(c) Aspect Conference

There is a conference organized by a group of people with Asperger's Syndrome, including Genevieve Edmonds, and is on 27th April in Manchester Town Hall. Speakers include Luke Bearden, Genevieve Edmonds, Giles Harvey and Vicky Bliss. The conference is due to be opened by Wendy Lawson. The conference is intended for people with Asperger's Syndrome over 16yrs. Places are available via the ASPECT website www.aspectaction.org.uk

(d) **Convention 2006**

A reminder to all that the Consortium Convention is on **Wednesday 10th May at the Together Trust's** Conference Centre in Cheadle (formerly BGWS). The theme is *'Person centred approaches to working with people with autism'*.

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