

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

**FAMILY SERVICES DEVELOPMENT PROJECT REPORT**

**STEERING GROUP MEETING**

To be held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2005  
between 2pm – 4pm  
The Boardroom, Crompton House  
100 Chorley Road, Swinton M27 6BP

**FAMILY SERVICES PROJECT REPORT  
7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH – 11<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2005**

**DISTRIBUTION OF REFERRALS**

Local Authority	Total referrals	Male referrals			Female referrals		
		All ages	Under-19	Under-5	All ages	Under-19	Under-5
Bolton	147	113	74	2	34	16	0
Bury	114	100	72	1	14	9	0
Manchester	349	315	209	7	34	26	1
Oldham	83	66	40	0	17	8	0
Rochdale	90	75	42	4	15	9	0
Salford	161	135	95	1	26	17	0
Stockport	238	201	138	5	37	26	0
Tameside	93	79	55	2	14	6	0
Trafford	165	136	94	5	29	16	0
Wigan	85	73	40	1	12	7	0
Left GMA	21	17	9	0	4	3	0
Closed Cases	9	6	1	0	3	2	0
	<b>1555</b>	<b>1316</b>	<b>869</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>1</b>

Of the 1,555 referrals known to our service 771 have a diagnosis of autism, 443 have a diagnosis of Asperger's syndrome and 341 have yet to receive a diagnosis.

## EXPLANATION AND ANALYSIS OF TABLES

AUTHORITY	NO OF PARENT CALLS	NO OF PROF CALLS	TOTAL TIME PER AUTHORITY	ISSUES RAISED								
				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>BOLTON</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2hrs 48 mins</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>BURY</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7hrs 28 mins</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>MANCHESTER</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9hrs 33 mins</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>OLDHAM</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2hrs</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>ROCHDALE</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1hr 20 mins</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>SALFORD</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2hrs 18 mins</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>STOCKPORT</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5hrs 18 mins</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>TAMESIDE</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2hrs 51 mins</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>TRAFFORD</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4hrs</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>WIGAN</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1hrs 45 mins</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>39hrs 21 mins</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>47</b>

### 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

Between 20<sup>th</sup> February and 11<sup>th</sup> July we attended 19 Autism Services Development Groups.

#### **BOLTON**

Bolton is opening a new ASD resource from September 2005 within a mainstream secondary school. It is envisaged that this will serve no more than two students per year group. The Children's Group is now being chaired by Eric Taylor, Educational Psychologist, and has decided to create several action-focused sub-groups.

The Adult Learning Disability service is officially opening the ASD resource in the Day Services on 14<sup>th</sup> July. It is planned that they will next work towards NAS accreditation.

## **BURY**

The social group and the befriending group are still going strong and demand for these services remains very high.

Adult Learning Disability Services are currently working with NAS Manchester Service to develop a service for 6 people currently living/using resources out-of-area.

## **MANCHESTER**

The Children's Group has re-organised and formed a number of new sub-groups. Better links have also been made to commissioners.

The Autism mini-teams are now called the Social Communication Assessment and Intervention Teams and each of the teams now has an Educational Psychologist attending.

Mari has recently had discussions with the chair of the Adult Group about the future of this group which has not met for around a year. The chair has agreed to join the Transition group for now and look to re-group the Adult Group. It was also agreed that links to the Learning Disability Partnership Board need to be strengthened.

## **OLDHAM**

The Supported Living Service has recently found out that they have achieved NAS accreditation. They received an excellent report and this was the culmination of many years of hard work. A celebration is planned for 14<sup>th</sup> July.

The Vulnerable Young Adults Team are getting some clinical psychology sessions for the service. CAMHS has appointed a worker to work with children with autism.

## **ROCHDALE**

The Children's Group continue to meet regularly. Costings for a social group and an information file for parents of newly diagnosed children have been worked out and funding is currently being sought. Mari has met with Michele Tynan, Learning Disability Commissioner for Rochdale to look at re-convening the Adult Group.

## **SALFORD**

The NAS accreditation process is currently underway for the Day Services and a programme of training is also currently being planned.

Salford Families Project recently hosted a day workshop for parents about ASD and behaviour. This was a multi-agency venture and was well received.

Springwood School kindly hosted the latest Help! programme which went very well. Catherine Garrett the ASD resource teacher was invited to participate in the session on communication and the Help! manager was so impressed by Catherine she wants her to do some training for the Help! Project Officers specifically on communicating with children with autism and a severe learning disability.

## **STOCKPORT**

The Autism Services Development Group will be re-launched on 14<sup>th</sup> July. The pilot trampolining group was very successful but its future is uncertain and needs funding to continue.

The communication sessions have now finished but were also very successful. It is hoped that these sessions may restart again in the future.

Stockport CAMHS, which has been seriously understaffed, now has three new psychiatrists. One of these is keen to get involved in ASD Service Development Group.

## **TAMESIDE**

The main group still has not met but there was a very successful half day held recently to look at identification, diagnosis and assessment. The half day was chaired by Sara Finn and drew together all the main people involved in assessment and diagnosis within Tameside, as well as commissioners. An Autism Care Pathway was agreed as part of the outcome of the day.

## **TRAFFORD**

Trafford have started using the awareness raising package and intend to deliver the package across the Learning Disability Service. Some joint training is also being planned with Education and Children's Services.

## **WIGAN**

The main group has not met since December 2004 but a sub-group has been looking at the National Autism Plan for Children to identify gaps in current provision.

## **OTHER WORK**

We have also attended a number of other meetings.

- Steering group of Oldham's Befriending scheme
- Training sub-groups in Salford and Stockport
- Training session for Oldham befriending scheme
- Planning day for Children's Disability Services in Salford

We also had the opportunity to deliver some awareness-raising for DLA Advisors in Manchester.

### **CONSORTIUM CONVENTION 2005**

This year's convention was on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2005. The theme was "Challenges in Common – Transition and Beyond". The convention was well attended with good representation from all but one authority. Reports are due out shortly and will be sent to every delegate who attended and will also be available on the website [www.autismgm.org.uk](http://www.autismgm.org.uk)

### **TRAINING STRATEGY GROUP**

The awareness-raising pack is now ready and was launched at the Consortium Convention on 28<sup>th</sup> April. The pack is available from each of the chairs of the ASDG's. Please also keep a list of people likely to deliver the package and ask people to complete the Evaluation Form. The strategy group will be meeting in September to look at what the next steps should be for the Consortium Training Strategy.

### **HELP! PROGRAMME**

The national Help! Team recently held the 5<sup>th</sup> programme to be run within Greater Manchester. Mari attended the first and last sessions and the programme was very well received by all the parents who took part. Springwood School generously let the Help! Team use the staff room to deliver the programme and made everyone feel very welcome. There will be an update on the Help! proposal in the meeting.

### **OFFICE PROBLEMS**

Following the fire in February the project and the Regional Development Team have had huge problems functioning as normal. The main difficulty has been in getting photo-copying done and information collected. Each pack was taking around double the length of time to prepare. The clean-up did not start until late June and for several weeks we were operating from home and sharing one desk in a tiny temporary office. Despite this all packs have been sent out and the Summer newsletter completed and collated. The clean up should finish soon so normal service can resume.

### **MARATHON RUNNER**

Caroline Bond, an Educational Psychologist from Manchester, ran the London Marathon for the project and raised over £400. We are planning to run a Behaviour Workshop for parents of children with autism later in the year and also hope to run another event for parents of adults too.

### **HOUSING ISSUES**

There have been a number of enquiries recently around housing for people with Asperger's Syndrome. We have devised a questionnaire on this which we have asked members of Aspirations to complete to find out what the housing needs are for this population. Based on this we hope to look at some model that may work for this group.

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