

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

## FAMILY SERVICES DEVELOPMENT PROJECT REPORT

### STEERING GROUP MEETING

To be held on Monday 19th June 2006  
between 2pm – 4pm  
The Boardroom, Crompton House  
100 Chorley Road  
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### FAMILY SERVICES DEVELOPMENT PROJECT REPORT (PERIOD COVERED FROM 18.02.06. –02.06.06.)

#### DISTRIBUTION OF REFERRALS

Local Authority	Total referrals	Male referrals			Female referrals		
		All ages	Under-19	Under-5	All ages	Under-19	Under-5
Bolton	154	119	70	2	35	16	0
Bury	126	109	76	2	17	11	0
Manchester	381	342	229	7	39	27	1
Oldham	85	68	41	0	17	8	0
Rochdale	100	81	45	2	19	12	0
Salford	167	139	93	1	28	17	0
Stockport	252	210	138	2	42	28	1
Tameside	101	87	59	2	14	6	0
Trafford	177	146	97	3	31	18	1
Wigan	90	77	45	2	13	6	0
Left GMA	22	18	10	0	4	3	0
Closed Cases	10	7	2	0	3	2	0
	<u>1665</u>	<u>1403</u>	<u>905</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>262</u>	<u>154</u>	<u>3</u>

Of the 1,665 referrals known to our service 824 have a diagnosis of autism, 485 have a diagnosis of Asperger's syndrome and 356 haven't yet received a diagnosis.

## EXPLANATION AND ANALYSIS OF TABLES

(Period covered between 20.02.06. – 01.06.06.)

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	
<b>BOLTON</b>	4	1	2hrs 05mins	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
<b>BURY</b>	15 *	1	3hrs 51 mins	5	1	9	2	1	1	0	0	0	7
<b>MANCHESTER</b>	14	5	6hrs 30 mins	0	4	15	1	1	2	3	1	5	
<b>OLDHAM</b>	1	1	0hrs 18 mins	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	
<b>ROCHDALE</b>	5	4	2hrs 09 mins	0	2	6	3	0	0	0	0	2	
<b>SALFORD</b>	10	2	3hrs 35 mins	0	2	2	10	1	0	1	0	1	
<b>STOCKPORT</b>	18	3	6hrs 58 mins	3	4	9	6	1	0	2	0	4	
<b>TAMESIDE</b>	3	1	1hr 40 mins	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	
<b>TRAFFORD</b>	10	2	3hrs 10 mins	0	2	6	3	0	2	2	0	2	
<b>WIGAN</b>	7	1	21hrs 55 mins	0	1	6	0	0	1	0	0	3	
<b>OTHER</b>	3	3	1hr 48 mins	1	1	2	1	0	2	0	0	0	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>34hrs 59 mins</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>29</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 February 20<sup>th</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup> Mari and Debbie attended 25 development group meetings (this figure includes some sub-group meetings).

Mari also attended the NAS Regional Seminar in Oldham about adolescence and sexuality, a Learning Skills Council workshop and an NAS meeting in London about education policy.

### BOLTON

Children's Social Services are providing free training to some parents about behaviour management, including safe physical restraint.

The ASD Forum group is hoping to increase the use of person-centred reviews at 14+ review meetings.

Adult Services are exploring ways of offering an ASD specific short-break service. They are also planning some ASD training for all their assessment officers.

### **BURY**

The Social Communication Difficulties Team have had a further expansion with two new posts, this means that there are 6 people on this team, of whom 5 mainly work with children with autism. Dave Scowcroft has now moved on from the Befriending Co-ordinator post and there should be a new person recruited for this post soon.

### **MANCHESTER**

The sub-groups are all meeting regularly and the Intervention Group have decided to carry out an audit of the communication aids and knowledge within the city with a view to running a workshop for parents on using different communication tools. A new sub-group has met to co-ordinate the training needs within the city and it has been agreed that this will be a multi-agency group mapping all the training going on and identifying key gaps.

The Adult Group has been looking at planning a day looking at the care pathway for adults with Asperger's Syndrome. This will include ways for adults to gain diagnosis as well as services. There is a new Vulnerable Adults Service starting in Manchester too which should mean there is a service for adults with Asperger's Syndrome to access.

### **OLDHAM**

The Youth Group is going from strength to strength and there are now plans to offer activities during the summer holidays as well the weekly youth group. The group now have a paid sessional worker. The Youth Group are running a joint play scheme with Leisure for Autism for 3 weeks in the summer for 50 children within mainstream schools.

Lillian Nelson has recently been offered the post of Team Leader for the In-Control Pilot in Oldham. She will maintain her Chair role of the Way Forward Group and hopes to ensure that the work of In-Control will include a number of people with ASD.

### **ROCHDALE**

A Youth Group is now up and running for 13-19 year olds. The group will be run by ASGMA/*Aspirations* for the first year and then maybe run by the Youth Service in the future.

The Adult Group are meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> June to get the group restarted.

### **SALFORD**

There are plans for a post to be developed to support the work of the Autism Accreditation in Salford.

Training days are also being planned for later in the year and there will be an event organised to which Genevieve Edmonds will be invited.

## **STOCKPORT**

Children's Services are particularly focused at the moment on the new ASD Partnership Project.

Adult Services and the wider development group are exploring the possibility of doing a specific piece of work regarding a Commissioning Strategy for people with ASD.

## **TAMESIDE**

The work for the multi-agency pathway is still on-going but the development group has still not met for some time.

## **TRAFFORD**

A meeting with the new Trafford Commissioner for Learning Disability and Mental Health, Jim Campbell, has led to an agreement that the group will restart under his Chair.

A suggestion has also been made by Jim to present a proposal to Bolton, Salford and Trafford Mental Health Trust on a service for adults with Asperger's Syndrome. We are currently awaiting a date for this.

## **WIGAN**

The first of 3 yearly Help! programme for Wigan will be delivered in October of this year.

There have been 2 recent training days commissioned by Wigan and delivered by BILD. The training days were well attended and there are hopes for further training events.

The development group are also planning a training and awareness- raising day in Wigan for parents and professionals. Part of the purpose of the group will be to let people know about the groups and encourage a wider membership.

## **OTHER WORK**

### **Help Update**

The North West Help! post is now up and running. Suzie Franklin and Dave Scowcroft are job-sharing the role. Between now and next March there will be 5 of the full 20 hour programmes and 4 one day programmes run within the region.

There are also two Help2 seminars running in Trafford Park in September and information will be sent to all eligible families on our database and circulated in the ASDG's.

### **Training Strategy Group**

The group have updated the pack with some additional slides and will also start working on a pack for siblings and peers at the next meeting.

### **ASPECT Conference and Web Forum**

The ASPECT Conference was a conference held in Manchester on the 27<sup>th</sup> April for people with AS and by people with AS. The day was a success. One of the useful follow-ups to the conference was a web-forum. We are now wondering whether this model of consultation would be a useful one to use with the consortium website. This will be discussed further and consulted upon.

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