

GREATER MANCHESTER AUTISM CONSORTIUM

STEERING GROUP MEETING

To be held on Monday 5th March 2007
Between 2pm – 4pm
The Link Centre
140 Union Street
Oldham
O11 1DZ

FAMILY SERVICES DEVELOPMENT PROJECT REPORT **(Period covered 21.11.06. – 26.02.07.)**

DISTRIBUTION OF REFERRALS

Local Authority	Total referrals	Male referrals			Female referrals		
		All ages	Under-19	Under-5	All ages	Under-19	Under-5
Bolton	157	121	70	2	36	15	0
Bury	129	110	72	0	19	13	0
Manchester	403	362	236	4	41	28	1
Oldham	86	70	40	0	16	7	0
Rochdale	103	83	46	1	20	12	1
Salford	172	143	91	0	29	16	0
Stockport	266	220	143	7	46	32	1
Tameside	106	92	65	1	14	5	0
Trafford	184	152	101	3	32	17	0
Wigan	90	77	42	2	13	6	0
Left GMA	22	18	10	0	4	3	0
Closed Cases	12	9	3	0	3	2	0
	<u>1730</u>	<u>1457</u>	<u>919</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>273</u>	<u>156</u>	<u>3</u>

During the last quarter (21st November 2006 – 26th February 2007) there were 39 referrals.

- 22 referrals had a diagnosis of ASD
- 8 referrals had a diagnosis of Asperger's syndrome
- 9 cases were awaiting a diagnosis

EXPLANATION & ANALYSIS OF TABLES
(Period covered between 21.11.06. – 26.02.07.)

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	10	11
BOLTON	7	3	2.5hrs	1	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
BURY	22	2	4.5hrs	2	3	9	5	3	1	2	1	4	0	0
MANCHESTER	21	12	11hrs	9	8	10	10	0	0	2	0	11	1	3
OLDHAM	7	1	3.5hrs	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
ROCHDALE	6	2	3hrs	2	0	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
SALFORD	6	4	2.25hrs	1	1	6	4	0	1	2	0	1	0	2
STOCKPORT	10	6	6hrs	2	2	10	2	0	0	2	0	6	0	0
TAMESIDE	20	4	8hrs	8	3	16	7	0	1	2	0	10	0	0
TRAFFORD	9	3	2.5hrs	3	2	2	3	0	0	2	0	7	1	1
WIGAN	4	2	2.75hrs	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
OTHER	1	3	1.5hrs	2	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
TOTAL	113	42	47hrs 30 mins	32	23	63	40	3	3	12	1	47	2	8

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
10. Mental Health – Children
11. Mental Health - Adults

AUTISM SERVICES DEVELOPMENT GROUPS

There have been 15 Autism Services Development Group meetings since date of the last Consortium Steering Group meeting held on 4th December 2007.

Bolton

The ASD forum (children's group) is continuing to support the leisure service Bolton Kids2gether in their efforts to secure funding for staffing costs. The group is waiting for the result of the recent audit of services to children with an ASD in the area to form the basis of future planning.

Debbie and Mari are planning to meet with Adult Service Managers to discuss issues around adults with ASD.

Bury

The group is taking forward work from the extraordinary meeting held in the previous quarter. A sub-group is looking at issues around Further Education for people with ASD and another group will meet to pull together information about how to take forward the ideas raised at the extraordinary ASDG.

Manchester

The children's group has not met since the last CSG. They are due to meet 8/3/07. The intervention sub-group is progressing in getting a communication workshop underway. The Transition Group have sent questionnaires to all the Supported Employment Services within the city to see what support is available to people with ASD and plan to lobby for more support around social skills and job preparation. The group is also preparing to comment on the Learning Skills Council's review of provision for learners with learning Difficulty and Disability.

The Adult Group is taking forward the issues from the event on 17th November to try and get support for a diagnostic care pathway and an assessment care pathway.

Oldham

2 new joint chairs have been elected for the group. This will mean a rep from adults and a rep from children's services. The group hopes to set new a new agenda for the next stage of work in the coming meetings.

NAS Accreditation of all the Day Services have now been completed in Oldham.

Rochdale

The group has met once since the last CSG. The information pack is now almost completed and the group hopes to be setting new agendas for this year under the new chair, Kieran Lyons.

Salford

The adult group has met once since December and the children's group has also met once.

At a recent meeting with parents at Springwood School (special school with an ASD provision) there was discussion about gaps in family support in the borough. The children's group has agreed to take this as an issue for the group and are looking at how

the extended school agenda may be able to help with taking this further. The children's group is also looking into training people onto NAS Earlybird to deliver this locally.

There has been a great deal of training in Adult Services in Salford in the last few months.

Stockport

The last ASDG meeting was cancelled and the dates for this year's meetings have not been set yet.

In conjunction with the Children and Young People's Department and a local charity, a series of parent workshops are being planned for later this year.

Tameside

The development group still has not reconvened but there has been communication about starting this group back up again soon.

Recently there has been a great deal of interest in the forthcoming event in Tameside (see below for details) and this has led to a great many calls from parents and professionals. The recent meeting with Connexions staff has also led to a request to support the development of a project for young people with ASD to look at helping their transition into employment or FE.

Trafford

The Development group still has not reconvened but Mari has been invited to attend a meeting with Trafford professionals to look at a multi-disciplinary diagnostic pathway for children with an ASD.

Wigan

The group has only met once since last time. There has been a change of chair and new dates will need to be set but there are still plans to get an Autism Development Worker to look at gaps and to set an action plan.

Other meetings and Events supported by the project

- Mari attended 3 parent support groups in the last quarter including the Rochdale Jigsaw group, the Salford Parent group at Springwood School and the Manchester Support group based at Winnicott Centre.
- Mari attended the Supporting Siblings Help2 workshop held by the NAS in Stockport to meet Greater Manchester parents.

- Mari attended a meeting of the Greater Manchester LDD Connexions Advisers.
- Mari is due to attend the NAS Criminal Justice Forum on 28th February.

TAMESIDE EVENT

It was agreed that some underspend from the vacancy for the Information Officer last summer could be spent on an event in Tameside to raise awareness of the project. The day is about looking at what kind of support works best for people with ASD. We will be focusing on person-centred approaches and helping parents and professionals to identify what is important for the individuals they care for. This event is due to take place on the 9th March and there has been a great deal of interest in the day so far. Janet Muscutt from Salford has kindly agreed to help us and in return we have agreed to hold another event in Salford later this year for parents there.

HELP! PROGRAMMES

There are due to be several more Help! programmes within Greater Manchester within the coming months. There will be a second Help! programme in Wigan in May and one in Manchester later on in the year. It is anticipated that there will be at least another couple of one-day or two-day events within the Greater Manchester in the next year. Help2 have recently run two workshops in Stockport and hope to run 4 more in the Greater Manchester area in the next few months. The Help!2 programmes cover topics such as anger management, sibling support, sensory issues, anti-bullying, making visual supports and social stories.

CSIP WORK

Debbie is involved in the Identifying and Diagnosing ASD working group run by CSIP in the North West. Debbie has written a questionnaire which the group is hoping to circulate to diagnostic services locally.

TRAINING STRATEGY GROUP

There was a meeting recently of this group and work is progressing on the sibling workshops. There are 6 sessions planned for this and the hope is that local ASDGs will pilot the programmes when the workshops are completed.

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