

# GREATER MANCHESTER AUTISM CONSORTIUM

## Consortium Steering Group Report 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009

### FAMILY SERVICES DEVELOPMENT PROJECT REPORT

(Period covered 29<sup>th</sup> November 2008–28<sup>th</sup> February 2009)

### DISTRIBUTION OF REFERRALS

Local Authority	Total referrals	Male referrals			Female referrals		
		All ages	Under-19	Under-5	All ages	Under-19	Under-5
<b>Bolton</b>	168	132	61	0	36	13	0
<b>Bury</b>	144	122	64	1	22	13	0
<b>Manchester</b>	472	423	262	4	49	34	0
<b>Oldham</b>	96	80	43	1	16	8	0
<b>Rochdale</b>	126	105	52	1	21	10	0
<b>Salford</b>	181	151	85	0	30	15	0
<b>Stockport</b>	298	246	141	3	52	32	0
<b>Tameside</b>	120	104	64	3	16	6	0
<b>Trafford</b>	204	170	101	0	34	17	1
<b>Wigan</b>	103	89	41	3	14	6	0
<b>Left GMA</b>	25	20	8	0	5	3	0
<b>Closed Cases</b>	16	12	4	0	4	2	0
	1953	1654	926	16	299	159	1

Since the last report we have had 23 new referrals to the project.

## **ANALYSIS OF STATS**

(Period covered 29<sup>th</sup> November 2008 – 28<sup>th</sup> February 2009)

AUTHORITY	NO OF FAMILY/ INDIVIDUAL CALLS	NO OF PROF CALLS	TOTAL TIME PER AUTHORITY		ISSUES RAISED										
			HRS	MINS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<b>BOLTON</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>BURY</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>MANCHESTER</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>OLDHAM</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>ROCHDALE</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>SALFORD</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>STOCKPORT</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>TAMESIDE</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>TRAFFORD</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>WIGAN</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>OTHER</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>46hrs</b>	<b>2mins</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>14</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
10. Mental Health – Children
11. Mental Health – Adults

### **Additional Issues Raised during this quarter**

Employment	x 5
Criminal Justice System	x 2
Health	x 1
Direct Payments	x 1
Events	x 1
Housing	x 1

## **ANALYSIS OF STATS**

We have had a very similar number of calls this quarter compared to last quarter. One obvious increase in calls has been on the subject of employment and related support. As the next NAS campaign will focus on this issue there may be more calls on this subject in the coming months.

## **AUTISM SERVICES DEVELOPMENT GROUPS**

### **BOLTON**

Children's: Bolton has just successfully completed their first series of Cygnet post diagnostic workshops for the carers of 8 to 13 year olds.

The ASD Forum is currently looking at agreeing and formalising care pathways. There is a separate sub-group to look at the needs of families and individuals with ASDs in regard to Aiming High funding and provision.

Adults: Met once in December. We are still awaiting dates for the next ones.

### **BURY**

A second lot of sibling sessions are currently underway. Next there will be some parent workshops.

Recently members of the ASDG met Bury North MP, David Chayter, about the Autism Bill.

Members of the ASDG have also been involved in the new Autism Brokerage role funded by LDDF. The contract has been given to the NAS services.

### **MANCHESTER**

Children: The group is planning to relaunch later in the year as current chair Sarah Hubbold has retired in April. There is lots of work underway to implement the Autism Education Autism Strategy as well as work around person-centred planning for people of transition age within Manchester which will involve the offer of a 10 week course for parents of children 13 + with ASD to pull together a person-centred plan.

Adult: The group now has involvement of the new GM Mental health Network Director and she has agreed to take the Regional AS Diagnostic proposal forward to the SHA. The group is still identifying training needs and setting an action plan around training...

## **OLDHAM**

There was a big conference held on ASD in January attended by around 350 delegates. The event was a great success and also celebrated Oldham's achievements in supporting people with ASD.

There is a proposal within Oldham to look at diagnosis for adults with ASD. This is up for consideration by Pennine Care.

There are regular post diagnostic sessions held at Rock Street and recently there was an Information Day held at Rock Street highlighting support available for parents of children and adults with ASD in Oldham.

The Extended Schools Project is continuing with a befriending and mentoring programme being set up for 16-19 year olds. The scheme has recruited 16-19 year old volunteers and is matching them with the young people with ASD. Training is currently underway and the project is due to last for one year.

## **ROCHDALE**

The training slides are now complete and there are dates planned during the year for delivery of the training. The sub group agreed to share some of the extra slides they had added to the consortium awareness raising slides so Mari has used them to update the consortium slides.

The group is working on a sibling session and the youth group recently started to meet fortnightly.

## **SALFORD**

Children's – This group is also looking at its care pathways, using CSIPs Audit Tool and the National Autism Plan for Children as benchmarks. The group is also currently contributing to designs for a purpose built secondary school resource provision. It has also supported the development of a new parent support group who hope to run events and activities for families.

Adults- The training programme is underway and will include a session on sensory issues by Olga Bogdashina. Two more Salford services are enrolled on the Autism Accreditation programme. The group is still looking at what services can be developed for people with ASD.

## **STOCKPORT**

Children's – The group is continuing to lobby for a multi agency ASD team to deliver, train in, and support appropriate post diagnostic interventions.

The ASD Partnership Project has been awarded continuing funding by the Health Innovations Fund for their work person-centred work with families and, predominantly, mainstream schools.

Adults- Funding for the Stockport AS service has been agreed. There was a meeting in March to look at how this service is likely to be rolled out by a reference group made up of parents and professionals. Part of the funding is likely to be put towards employment support.

## **TAMESIDE**

TASCA, a local parent support group organised a big awareness raising event on World Autism Day (2nd April). The event was for parents, professionals and members of the public.

Mari has joined the steering group for the new Behaviour Support Service. There has been one meeting so far. Mari has also been involved in the development of some post diagnostic workshops in Tameside.

There is a new Adult ASD strategy group run by the Autism Specialist Nurse. The group is identifying priorities but it is expected to include a big programme of training across the borough including the pilot of the social care training.

## **TRAFFORD**

Children's- There is work underway around the care pathway. A proposal is being considered but needs to be shaped up further. There is a new nurse role for children with ADHD and ASD identifying care pathways.

Adults- We are currently unaware of work in this area.

## **WIGAN**

Children- The care pathway work is still underway.

Adults- Mari has met with the LD Commissioner to identify priorities. It has been agreed that a multiagency group be set up to set an action plan for Wigan.

## **TRAINING**

The second draft of the Social Care training is underway. The first pilot of the Appropriate Adult training was run on 24<sup>th</sup> March for the Greater Manchester Police volunteers which was a mix of Appropriate Adults and Independent Custody Visitors. This was very well received and will be repeated in June and September.

The children's strategy group is still working on sexuality and relationship training and has commissioned a video to be made by Failsworth High School. The video will be on modeling good practice around relationships and social skills.

## **POLICY AND STATUTORY DEVELOPMENTS**

The Autism Bill passed its 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and is now at the committee stage. The debate lasted for 4 hours in parliament and a number of amendments were suggested.

The Inclusion Development Programme for Autism has been launched and is available on the DFES website. This will provide training material online for schools across the UK.

## **RESOURCE CENTRE AND OTHER NEW NAS STAFF**

There is a new NAS ASD Resource Centre in our Northenden office building. The centre has a library and other resources available for use e.g. running training, workshops, advice sessions for adults, social and other groups. Julia Butcher and Mark Mallender are job-sharing the Resource Centre Manager role.

In addition we have two other new staff, Sharon McIndoe who is the new Regional Co-ordinator and Steve Owen the new Area Manager for Greater Manchester and Lancashire.

## **CRIMINAL JUSTICE FORUM**

Clare Hughes, Regional Officer for the North West, and Mari Saeki have been involved in drawing together interested people from within the North West for a Criminal Justice Forum on people with ASD. Evidence shows that increasing numbers of people with ASD are being caught up within the CJS mostly as victims but also as alleged offenders. The group hopes to identify how some of the gaps to support these individuals can be identified.

## **NEXT MEETING**

17<sup>th</sup> June 12-3.30pm at Link Centre. Lunch will be included.

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