

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

FAMILY SERVICES DEVELOPMENT PROJECT REPORT

STEERING GROUP MEETING

To be held on Monday 12th September 2005

Between 2pm – 4pm

The Boardroom, Crompton House

100 Chorley Road

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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	72	2	34	16	0
Bury	114	100	73	1	14	9	0
Manchester	350	316	209	7	34	25	0
Oldham	84	67	41	0	17	8	0
Rochdale	90	75	42	4	15	9	0
Salford	163	137	96	1	26	17	0
Stockport	238	201	136	5	37	25	0
Tameside	95	81	57	3	14	6	0
Trafford	165	136	94	4	29	16	0
Wigan	85	72	40	1	13	7	0
Left GMA	21	17	9	0	4	3	0
Closed Cases	9	6	1	0	3	2	0
	<u>1561</u>	<u>1321</u>	<u>870</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>240</u>	<u>143</u>	<u>0</u>

Of the 1,561 referrals known to our service 773 have a diagnosis of autism, 445 have a diagnosis of Asperger's syndrome and 343 haven't yet received 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	
BOLTON	1	0	15 mins	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BURY	19	0	2hrs 45 mins	0	0	13	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
MANCHESTER	3	2	50 mins	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
OLDHAM	1	0	20 mins	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
ROCHDALE	1	2	45 mins	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
SALFORD	2	0	50 mins	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
STOCKPORT	1	0	15 mins	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
TAMESIDE	5	2	2hrs 10 mins	1	1	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
TRAFFORD	3	0	45 mins	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
WIGAN	2	0	30 mins	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
OTHER	1	0	35 mins	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	39	6	9hrs 55 mins	6	2	25	17	2	0	2	0	0	2

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 11th July and 22nd August we attended 4 ASDGs. Please note this period is very quiet because few meetings occur within school holidays. Because of this and because the last meeting was less than 2 months ago, many of the groups have little to update other than that work is ongoing. A much fuller report will be possible in the next CSG at the end of November. All points below are updates since the last meeting.

BOLTON

Bolton have now signed on with NAS Accreditation to go for Accreditation of the Adult LD Day Service provision.

BURY

Work is on-going

MANCHESTER

The Somali parent support group and the South Asian Support group will restart again later this year after a break. All other work is on-going

OLDHAM

The Accreditation celebration took place in July and work is now undergoing on Accreditation of the Day Services.

The Vulnerable Young Adults Service has had agreement to expand to become a service for 16-65 year olds. There will be 3 more Care Managers, a Team Manager and 5 Support Workers in post.

ROCHDALE

Work is on-going

SALFORD AND STOCKPORT

There has been informal agreement with professionals in each authority that post-diagnostic workshops will be provided if the funding agreed initially for the Help! Proposal is still provided. Mari and Debbie are planning meetings to arrange this as soon as possible. Definite agreement for the funding to be reassigned has been given by Stockport and we are awaiting confirmation by Salford.

Stockport are compiling a report for the Learning Disability Partnership Board about key gaps for people with ASD to present to the next meeting of the Partnership Board.

TAMESIDE

Work is on-going

TRAFFORD

Future Visions, an advocacy service for people with Learning Disabilities, has agreed to become involved with a new NAS project on increasing advocacy to people with ASD. They will participate in some free training offered and may get more involved in the project as it develops.

WIGAN

Mari will be meeting the new Director of Children and Young People's Services on 2nd September 2005 to discuss the group.

OTHER WORK

REGIONAL CONFERENCES WITH INVOLVEMENT FROM PEOPLE WITHIN THE CONSORTIUM.

- There is a conference on the experience of British Ethnic Minority Communities and Autism later this year organised by an NAS Development Worker from London and Brenda Nally. Local speakers from within the consortium have been invited to contribute, including parents.
- In May 2006 there will be a conference organised by people with Asperger's Syndrome for people with AS. Genevieve Edmonds is involved in this plus a number of other people from within the Consortium.
- Phillip Whittaker day. The proceeds from money raised by an Educational Psychologist in Manchester will be used to organise a Behaviour Workshop for parents on 5th November 2005. The venue is still unconfirmed but we expect there will be round 75 places available. Places will be on a first-come-first-serve basis and we will write to parents of children under 16yrs known to the project within Greater Manchester.

JOINT COMMISSIONING OF SHORT BREAKS

A group has agreed to meet on 7th October to discuss this issue further.

HOUSING

Mari has made contact with a number of housing associations and has consulted with a manager of an NAS Service in Wales that set up supported housing for people with AS. Work is still underway to gather information about the best model and the level of need. Mari has agreed to obtain information from the NAS Manchester Outreach Team and Loreto College. Mari has also met with Sean Cook who works for Oldham's Vulnerable Young Adult Service. They have had a number of successes with finding supported accommodation for young people within their service and Sean has agreed to put together some examples to be shared within the consortium.

Mari Saeki and Debbie Waters

NAS Project Officers- Family Services Development Project

22nd August 2005