

GREATER MANCHESTER CONSORTIUM TO DEVELOP LOCAL SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH AUTISM

FAMILY SERVICES DEVELOPMENT PROJECT REPORT

STEERING GROUP MEETING

To be held on Monday 11th September 2006

between 2pm – 4pm

The Boardroom, Crompton House

100 Chorley Road

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CALLS MADE TO THE PROJECT BETWEEN 1st June – 1st September 2006

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	
BOLTON	7	2	3hrs 5 mins	0	0	2	7	0	0	0	0	0	1
BURY	30	0	4hrs 16mins	6	3	9	1	0	0	1	0	15	
MANCHESTER	10	8	4hrs 25mins	1	0	10	4	2	0	2	0	6	
OLDHAM	4	1	1hr 18mins	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	
ROCHDALE	1	3	50 mins	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	
SALFORD	5	1	2hrs 3 mins	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	1	
STOCKPORT	14	5	5hrs 8mins	5	3	7	0	0	0	2	0	5	
TAMESIDE	9	2	3hrs 27mins	1	1	2	8	0	1	1	0	1	
TRAFFORD	4	0	1hr 13mins	3	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	2	
WIGAN	3	1	1hr 10mins	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	
OTHER	2	2	25mins	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	
TOTAL	89	25	27hrs 19mins	18	8	36	30	4	4	6	0	33	

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 1st June and 1st September, Mari and Debbie have attended 16 ASDG meetings. There have also been 19 other meetings around development issues including the Training Strategy Group, a meeting of the Parent Resource Network, parent support group meetings, an NAS policy and campaigns meeting, short-listing and interviewing for an ASD post in Stockport, a network meeting for chairs of the ASDG's, a CAMHS LD seminar and meetings with professionals.

This is a quiet quarter for meetings because there are usually no meetings all throughout the school holidays.

BOLTON

A new group has started in Bolton to create a Commissioning Strategy for all adults with an ASD. This has taken over from the previous adult services group.

The children's group is looking at training, leisure and person centered reviews in secondary schools.

BURY

A new befriending coordinator has been appointed and has started now. The youth group is meeting fortnightly and still very popular.

MANCHESTER

There are new developments in Family Placement to try and recruit families who are trained to take young people with ASD and other complex needs.

The intervention group is working on a communication project and the transition group has identified housing and employment as the areas of priority.

The adult group is planning a care pathway event for adults with AS in October.

OLDHAM

In a recent development group it was identified that there are a number of groups meeting about autism within Oldham and so in July there was a day to map all the groups on autism and to ensure that there are links between them and the Way Forward group (the Autism Services Development Group).

The day services achieved NAS accreditation on 2 out of the 4 parts of the service in June.

A second Autism Development Worker has been appointed and will take on the befriending scheme and responsibility for the Youth Group.

There was a summer scheme in Oldham this year for children with ASD.

ROCHDALE

The new youth group for 13-19 year olds run in partnership with ASGMA/Aspirations is going well and has now met around 3 times.

The adult development group has restarted and has so far met once. It is planned that they will look at Person centered ways of working with people with ASD and training as a priority.

SALFORD

Work towards the Autism Accreditation and training are continuing.

The children's group is meeting again after a break of a few months in September.

There is a new protocol between the Learning Disabilities and Mental Health Services to ensure that people, who do not clearly fall within the eligibility criteria of those services such as those with Asperger's Syndrome, may be able to access a joint assessment.

STOCKPORT

The ASD Partnership Project (addressing behaviour problems in a person-centred and multi agency way) has successfully recruited a Project Co-coordinator and is now advertising for a Family Support Worker.

The development group is planning an event later this year to consolidate and clarify future plans. They are creating a specific Commissioning Strategy for ASD is being considered.

TAMESIDE

Calls from Tameside have risen this quarter but the Development Group still has not reconvened.

A social worker on the Disabled Children's team is doing a project to find out how to gather the views of children with ASD during the assessment process to ensure that they are better involved. Mari will help to gather relevant professionals within Tameside for this meeting.

TRAFFORD

The development group has not met for sometime but there are discussions underway about working with adults with Asperger's Syndrome within the authority.

WIGAN

There are plans for an Autism Development Worker in Wigan to try and audit what services there are for people with ASD and what the gaps are. Training remains high on the agenda for the group and there is also an awareness-raising day planned to raise general awareness on autism but also to raise awareness about the development group.

The first of the 3 help! Programmes to be run in Wigan are starting in October 2006. The programme is running in Hindley and half the places will be guaranteed to be for Wigan families.

OTHER WORK

Consortium Training Strategy Group

The group is now onto planning awareness raising for peers and siblings of those with ASD. The idea is to pilot this on an event for siblings sometime in 2007.

The next meeting of the group is on October.

There are some additional slides now to the awareness-raising pack. Please email Mari for copies.

Help! Update

Suzie and Dave who job share the North West Family Support Officer role have now planned a number of help! programmes in the region starting in September. The only one in Greater Manchester will be in Wigan this financial year, but there is also a programme running in Macclesfield and One day programmes running in Halton and Leyland. Families known to the project can access all those if they apply in time and meet the criteria.

Help!2 workshops are running in Trafford in September and again within Greater Manchester in February 2007.

Bolton, Salford and Trafford Mental Health Trust Commissioning Group

As stated last time, I have been given the opportunity to discuss issues for adults with Asperger's Syndromes within BST at the next commissioning meeting. I hope to present information to the group about the difficulties faced by this group around access to diagnosis, intervention, assessment and support. I have been supported strongly by LD professionals within all three of the authorities in putting a background paper together for discussion. It is our hope that at the very least we can raise this as an issue higher up the agenda of our Mental Health colleagues.

Tameside/Stockport Parent Event

At the last Consortium Steering group it was agreed that we could spend the underspend on the salary for the vacant Information Officer post on an event to be held somewhere on the Tameside and Stockport border for parents. Planning for this is now underway and we hope to try and have this event sometime around Dec/Jan.

Rochdale Parent Fundraiser

A parent in Rochdale has kindly suggested the project for a fundraising day at the local Marks and Spencers where she works. We have agreed that this money will be spent on an event for parents in Rochdale in the coming year.

Joshua Short Trust

A parent in Stockport recently approached the project about supporting a charity they are setting up in their son's name, for parents of pre-school children with autism in Stockport. Mari went to the fundraiser to speak about the impact of autism and £6,000 pounds was raised in one night. Mari and Debbie have agreed to work with the family and Catherine Aldred, a Consultant S<, to plan some workshops and events in Stockport for parents of pre-school children.

Parent Resource Network

In June, Lesley Roberts left the network and Abby Bakke joined. We are extremely grateful to Lesley for the two years she spent as a volunteer on the network and welcome Abby. There are still three people on the network.

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