

GREATER MANCHESTER AUTISM CONSORTIUM

STEERING GROUP MEETING

To be held on Wednesday 9th September 2009

1pm – 3pm

The Link Centre

140 Union Street

Oldham

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FAMILY SERVICES DEVELOPMENT PROJECT REPORT

DISTRIBUTION OF REFERRALS

Local Authority	Total referrals	Male referrals				Female referrals	
		All ages	Under-19	Under-5	All ages	Under-19	Under-5
Bolton	169	133	56	0	36	10	0
Bury	145	123	62	2	22	13	0
Manchester	484	435	263	5	49	32	0
Oldham	97	81	42	2	16	7	0
Rochdale	129	107	51	2	22	11	1
Salford	183	153	85	0	30	15	0
Stockport	308	253	145	3	55	33	0
Tameside	123	106	65	3	17	6	0
Trafford	206	172	97	0	34	17	0
Wigan	103	89	41	2	14	6	0
Left GMA	25	20	8	0	5	3	0
Closed Cases	16	12	4	0	4	2	0
	1988	1684	919	19	304	155	1

There have been 18 new referrals to the project during this particular quarter.

ANALYSIS OF STATISTICS
(Period covered 15th June 2009 – 31st August 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
BOLTON	3	2	1	28	1	1	4	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
BURY	7	1	3	24	0	2	7	2	0	0	2	0	3	0	1
MANCHESTER	32	12	12	56	13	6	21	21	2	2	4	1	8	1	4
OLDHAM	4	1	1	15	2	0	1	4	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
ROCHDALE	2	3		29	1	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SALFORD	7	3	3	31	1	0	3	4	0	1	0	1	0	0	1
STOCKPORT	13	2	4	12	3	2	9	3	0	1	1	0	3	0	0
TAMESIDE	7	0	3	06	3	0	5	5	0	1	1	0	0	0	1
TRAFFORD	14	0	3	28	3	3	7	4	0	0	1	0	2	0	0
WIGAN	2	0	0	15	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER	4	2	1	38	1	0	5	0	1	0	1	0	3	0	0
TOTAL	95	26	35	42	28	14	67	47	5	5	11	2	21	1	7

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

Other issues raised during this quarter:

Housing x 2
Criminal Justice x 2
Legal information
Counselling
PCP
Employment
Further Education
Out of school support
Sex education
Fundraising
Employer dispute
Adult Strategy Consultation (professional call)
Request for Information in Urdu

The calls to the project were down on last quarter, due mainly to the summer holidays. Adult calls are still on an upward trend and in particular issues re adult diagnosis.

AUTISM SERVICES DEVELOPMENT GROUPS

BOLTON

Children's Group: CAMHS are now leading an integrated Care Pathway Task Group. This has been the main focus for the children's group this year. Bolton is also rolling out more pilots of person-centred Year 9 Transition Reviews. 5 SENIAS team members have been trained as facilitators.

Adult's group: – Adult group are due to meet on the 16th of September for the first time since December so not clear yet what the action plan will be for this group.

BURY

ASD Brokerage service is now up and running and there is a plan for a Family Information day in November.

MANCHESTER

Children's group: No sub-group activity has taken place since last meeting. Mari has written to LDP Board to clarify role re development and is awaiting a reply.

PCP course has been completed with 3 parents completing a plan. Feedback from the 3 was very positive and we hope to seek further funding for other programmes.

In June there was an evening workshop at the NAS in Northenden presented by Ken Jupp, an inspirational speaker on PCP and Individualised Budgets. The talk was funded by the Manchester Learning Disability Partnership Board and 8 families attended.

Adult Group- The group met in July to plan the Adult Strategy Consultation Event to be held in September. A further meeting in late July confirmed there will be a series of small events on 7th September. The Engagement Manager from NHS Manchester, Val Bayliss-Brideaux, has also launched an on-line consultation document and all the Manchester responses will be gathered together and sent to the DoH as the Manchester response.

OLDHAM

There has been a series of consultation events about the adult strategy in June and an Oldham response has gone back to DoH.

There was a very successful ASD Information day held at Oldham Library in August attended by 40 people. The event was to publicise support available in Oldham from the parent support groups, youth groups and ourselves. Oldham library also holds all the books and resources on ASD purchased over the years by the various groups and services to ensure wider access to the public.

The Buddying and Mentoring Scheme has been funded for a further 6 months by the Oldham Extended Schools Service. This service is co-ordinated by the NAS Resource Centre staff Julia Butcher and Clare Naylor.

ROCHDALE

The planning meeting to review the action plan was postponed in July so there has been no further progress noted since the last meeting.

SALFORD

Children's Group: Salford has run a second Earlybird course for parents this year. Additional funding is required to continue this provision. CAMHS are using Cygnet on a 1:1 basis. The group are looking at information-sharing processes and how to improve these; pre-school provision for children with ASDs and improving joint working around assessment and diagnosis.

Adult Group: The group has organised a planning day in November to review actions. There have been a number of ongoing training events and more planned for November. The accreditation 12 month review is due to take place next week and it is also hoped that St Georges will also start the process now that all the building work has been completed.

STOCKPORT

Children's Group- The group is mapping current provision for school-aged children and their families to identify and clarify overlap and gaps. Evidence will then be taken to the CYPD for funding to plug gaps in the autumn. Occupational Therapy has particularly high rates of ASD referrals with little capacity to meet therapeutic or assessment needs. The ASD Partnership Project now has 2 additional home/school support workers and has increased its caseload significantly (achieved by joint-funding).

Adult Group- No group has met recently but there is work ongoing regarding the AS Service. Person Specs have been collated for the post of Social Worker for people with AS and the Employment Support Officer is now in post at Pure Innovations. I have met with the Employment Officer and we have discussed relevant issues for people with AS and Employment.

TAMESIDE

Several consultation events took place on the adult strategy over the summer to collate a Tameside response to DoH.

The pilot of the Social Care training is due to take place on 18th September.

TRAFFORD

The Care Pathway group was deferred and have not met since the last CSG.

Mari has met with the new Commissioner for Complex and Additional Needs to discuss how the project can support other development activity.

WIGAN

Mari has continued to attend the Care pathway group. The first re-launched Autism Service Development Group met in June. From this meeting Mari was actioned to meet with some Wigan parents to gather views for a response to the adult strategy and to let them know about the development group. Mari and Cynthia, a local Wigan parent, organised this group and met with them at the end of July. A response was gathered from this meeting.

On 14th September there will be a Wigan One Stop Shop event for people with ASD. This event will have awareness-raising at the start of the day and a chance for appointments with individual organisations in the afternoon, including the NAS.

ANNUAL NORTH WEST ASD RESEARCH EVENT

This event organised by the Regional Team for the North West took place in Preston on 14th July. The idea was to share research and good practice in the region. The event was very well attended and well received.

TRAINING STRATEGY GROUP

The children' group have met once since the last CSG. Mari is currently pulling together some resources for the growing up and relationships work.

The training for Appropriate Adults was delivered for a second time at the end of June by Mari and John Moran, Team Leader for a CMHT in Oldham who is also a member of Oldham's ASD training team. A third session will be run in October.

The adult group have decided to focus on issues re safeguarding and ASD as the next topic.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE ISSUES

There have been no further meetings of the Criminal Justice Forum since last CSG but Mari has attended the Greater Manchester Mentally Disordered Offenders Network Meeting. The Project Officer will attend this when possible.

IDENTIFICATION, ASSESSMENT AND DIAGNOSIS OF AUTISM PROJECT

Debbie is still involved in this group which is now preparing a practical tool-kit to assist localities in clarifying their care pathways. There will be an event to share best practice on 11th November at Preston North End Football Club.

RESOURCE CENTRE

Attached is the team's latest newsletter for information.

HELP! PROGRAMMES 2009

Another very successful 20 hour programme was run in Trafford during June/ July. In the coming months there will be the following programmes

- Oldham- September
- Tameside- November
- Macclesfield- November (this generally draws a lot of people from Stockport area)

CONFERENCE ON ASD AND PERSONALISATION

Mari and Andrew Powell, co-authors of the Social Care guide on ASD have been invited to speak at a joint NAS and British Association of Social Work Conference in Birmingham on 10th September on the subject of 'Assessment and ASD'.

MATERNITY COVER

Mari will be on maternity leave as from 30th Sept 2009 until June 2010. Gavin Owen will be taking over for the duration of the maternity leave. Gavin has had many years experience of working within the NAS in a variety of roles including admin, Autism Helpline, Policy and Campaigns, Regional Development and Befriending and Social programmes. Most recently he has been working with Turning Point in a research role. Gavin will job share with Debbie as Mari currently does. He can be contacted on gavin.owen@nas.org.uk

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