

GREATER MANCHESTER AUTISM CONSORTIUM

STEERING GROUP REPORT

Meeting to be held on Wednesday 15th September

1-3pm

Stopford House (4th floor)

Piccadilly

Stockport

SK1 3UE

ANALYSIS OF STATISTICS

(Period covered from 1st June – 31st August)

This is generally the quietest quarter of the year. Calls are of a similar number to last quarter, despite the holiday period. We have now begun monitoring a number of face-to-face contacts which has increased the total response time. We are now also monitoring email contacts and the time taken to deal with these.

There have been 21 new referrals to the project during this period.

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	5	1	2	19	2	1	4	1	0	0	2	0	2	0	2
BURY	11	1	5	37	3	6	9	0	0	0	2	0	5	1	0
MANCHESTER	31	15	19	45	7	3	22	10	2	0	3	9	7	0	1
OLDHAM	7	0	2	28	1	4	2	4	0	1	0	0	1	0	2
ROCHDALE	8	1	2	37	1	1	5	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0
SALFORD	4	1	1	8	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
STOCKPORT	8	1	2	57	0	1	2	2	1	0	1	0	2	1	1
TAMESIDE	1	1	1	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
TRAFFORD	16	2	6	46	3	1	9	4	1	0	3	1	3	0	1
WIGAN	3	1	1	57	1	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER	5	0	2	23	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	99	24	49	2	20	19	56	27	4	1	13	11	23	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

OTHER ISSUES RAISED

- Employment x 5
- Criminal Justice x 3
- Funding x 2
- Adult Support Group x 1
- Adaptations x 1
- Guide dogs x 1
- Refugee status x 1
- Dental Nurse project x 1
- General re development x 1
- Adult abuse x 1
- Earlybird x 1
- Research project x 1

AUTISM SERVICES DEVELOPMENT GROUP ACTIVITIES

There have been a very limited number of meetings since the last Consortium Steering Group meeting due to the summer holiday period so there is not a great deal to report.

BOLTON

Children's – Since the last report Debbie has attended one Bolton ASD Forum meeting, and two meetings related to the new Integrated Care Pathway for the identification and diagnosis of autistic spectrum disorders. The ICP proposal is now complete.

Bolton Forum are exploring options for a workshop for parents about person-centred planning, and how this might be introduced as a form of information sharing and planning from the point of diagnosis onwards.

Adults- Mari has attended a strategy meeting and a diagnostic sub-group meeting. There will be around 5 work streams reflecting the strategy priorities and not all sub-groups have met yet.

BURY

There has been no meeting since the last CSG meeting.

MANCHESTER

No group has met since last time but Manchester's response to the adult strategy has been agreed and ratified by commissioners and providers. Mari has had a meeting with a member of the group regarding progress in diagnosis pathway in Manchester. Mari has also been invited to speak to parents in a school in Manchester. Debbie has attended a Post diagnostic workshop in the Benchill area.

OLDHAM

No meeting since the last CSG

ROCHDALE

Children's- There has been no meetings but the NAS Resource Centre has been asked to deliver some sibling workshops in Rochdale later this year. The money to deliver these workshops has been fundraised by parents in Rochdale.

Adults- Mari has met with representatives from LD and MH regarding taking forward development work again in Adult Services in Rochdale.

SALFORD

Children's- There has not been a meetings since the last CSG.

Adults- There has been a meeting and the group and they are continuing with their goals as identified by the Path.

STOCKPORT

Children's- There has not been a meeting since the last CSG. The group are due to meet in September.

Adults- Mari has met with Karen Kimes to look at the adult strategy and to identify work streams.

TAMESIDE

There has not been a meeting since the last CSG.

TRAFFORD

Children's- No meeting since last CSG.

Adults- No meeting since last CSG.

WIGAN

Children's- No meeting since last CSG.

Adults- Meeting took place but Mari was unable to attend due to annual leave. The group has decided to postpone their Autism Information Day, due to be held October 2010, but they hope to hold it early next year.

OTHER WORK

Training

No Strategy Group meeting has taken place. The next one is due in September. Mari delivered some Autism Awareness-Raising for the Wai Yin Chinese Women's Association in Manchester.

Criminal Justice

There wasn't a regional group in the last quarter. The next one is due on Wednesday 8th September.

Mari has met with Dave Hasan who is the Police Officer publicising the Greater Manchester Police Medical E card (info attached). The card is being launched gradually across the region. Please note they would prefer requests for the cards to come from organisations rather than individuals as they have limited admin time to deal with this. Best idea is for carers' organisations etc to order batches of cards and then distribute them.

Mari attended a seminar on the Disability Hate Crime Policy in Greater Manchester organised by Voice UK and a seminar on ASD, Youth and the Law.

Adult Autism Strategy

Mari met David Jones the Deputy Regional Director from the Department of Health's Regional Office along with two colleagues within the NAS, Sharron McIndoe and Gaynor Dale. David has a responsibility to co-ordinate the regional response to the strategy and oversee the implementation of the strategy. David has been invited to a number of regional meetings to meet with stakeholders.

The draft statutory guidance is now out. Responses are due by 22nd October. Please encourage as many people as possible to respond.

Date of next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 1st December 2010 1-3pm.
The venue is at Stopford House, Piccadilly, Stockport, SK1 3UE.

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9th September 2010