

AUTISM STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION GROUP
Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 10 December 2015
Teith House, Stirling

Agenda Item	Action
Welcome	
<p>LA, Autism Development Officer, Stirling Council welcomed everyone to the meeting. The meeting focused on reviewing all key priorities and action plans and introduced a system of monitoring APIN.</p>	
(1) Autism Service Directory	
<p>The directory currently has about 160 different entries. These need to be checked for formatting consistency and accuracy. This work will be taken on by Lorene with the support of Autism Volunteer from Stirling University who is due to commence her placement on 20th Jan 16 (2 months part time).</p> <p>We discussed the Asset Mapping http://www.eastdunassets.org.uk/ and thought that such database would be also interesting. Lorene has made queries with IRISS regarding the East Dunbartonshire project. Potentially something to explore at a later stage.</p> <p>EM to follow up with BM/ STACKS meeting to be arranged regarding Keys to Learning/ Dementia / Autism Community Tool</p> <p>Agreed to have the Directory of services released for April 16.</p> <p>With regard to the directory of welfare benefits available to individuals with ASD, their families and carers, it was agreed to add links to Money Advise support (Customer first/ Welfare benefits, Clacks Money Advise Team, MM and Stirling Advice Partnership) as well as Stirling Carers Centre, http://www.stirlingcarers.org/adult-carers/welfare-benefits/ We should inform these organisations of our sign posting in advance.</p>	<p>Action EM / LA/ Student</p>
(2) Autism Forth Valley website	
<p>OL to get in touch with NB regarding Falkirk Council's engagement.</p> <p>Social media: parents to take ownerships, disclaimer to be added. On website, change the wording Privacy Policy to Disclaimer. Possibly as a Pop Up box, Lorene to enquire about the cost</p> <p>LB raised the possibility of negative comments from parents on our social media.</p> <p>Links from other websites to AFV website: James to contact other third sector organisations, EM Education, OH Health and LA the 2 councils.</p> <p>Promotion website: VK to make suggestions on how best to proceed.</p> <p>Lorene has contacted Clackmannanshire Council's Communications Team, and will make continued attempts to liaise with Stirling Council Communications Team.</p>	<p>LA to follow up on the Disclaimer,</p> <p>LB to Follow up social media- parent involvement.</p> <p>Re Links: JM, EM, OH, LA</p>
(3) Information and Awareness	
<p>Planning to create a sub group to progress the events planned for Autism Awareness month- Purpose would be an update on the strategy, sharing</p>	

information on local services. Others are the launch of Safe Place Scheme and Autism App. Key to all of these is a good communication strategy.	We need to identify a subgroup in charge of planning these events
(4) Autism Training	
LA has started to deliver training to Job Plus Scotland, and will continue with Police Scotland. Health, training online through NES- we agreed to review this priority again after April.	Postponed to after April
(5) Diagnosis and Assessment	
Multi-disciplinary assessment diagnostic team of health professionals for adults with or without learning disability. Essential members to include psychiatry, nursing, psychology, speech therapy and occupational therapy. Link with the Autism Strategy Lorene needs 2 pathways for children and adult services (ideally for April 16) Ask JP to comment to AFV information and JM/ Adults services.	
(6) Assessment and diagnosis/ physical, mental health issues	
Lorene and Oliver to progress initially through sharing review paper Autism Comorbidity issues.	
(7) Post-diagnosis signposting	
Lesley Anne and Susan Fullerton to take the lead from next meeting onwards.	
(8) Menu of Intervention	
Lorene to Liaise with ANS. Housing not really addressed on the Autism Strategy, however it would still be useful to undertake Training & Awareness Raising sessions with Housing Officers. Possible ways to develop with would be with the Shared Lives Scheme.	Probably after April
(9) Autism App	
Liz and Lorene to update on progress at next meeting- Beta trial due to commence mid-January, Student to help with collection of the information. Liz and Lorene to use APIN form for next meeting Key priority should be renamed to Transition.	APIN update
(10) Monitoring	
Discussed best way to monitor implementation of the strategy and outcomes for people. Quality of Life (QoL) Indicators and Warwick-Edinburgh Mental Well-being Scale. Lorene to compile student data for publication on QoL.	April 16 for publication

(11) Support for Family and Carers	
JM has completed APIN – new targets to be identified.	
(12) Eligibility Criteria	
To tackle at a later stage.	
(13) Monitoring Employability and Employment	
<p>ASDAN- Review Travelling Independently scheme. Meeting Developing the Young Work Force. Develop with FVC a full time course which can accommodate ASD people to avoid commuting to Perth. Lorene and Elaine visit Perth College to review what is different.</p>	
<p>(14) The meeting stopped there, we did not have the time to discuss the 2 last priorities and agreed to continue when we next meet in Jan.</p> <p>We also did not have the time to reach a decision on these areas of priorities, Lorene proposed to focus on the following areas for the next 6 months:</p> <p>Safe Place Scheme Autism App Web Site Directory Autism Month Events Communication Training Transition</p>	
<p>Next meeting:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Strategy Implementation Steering Group 13th Jan at 2pm Teith House (Room 1-3A) Stirling Council</p>	

Enclosed with the Minutes:

1. Update of Key Objectives.
2. APIN