

Action Notes

Highland Autism Strategy Meeting

Tuesday 28th February 2017

Centre for Health Sciences, Inverness



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| Chair | JeanPierre Sieczkarek – Area Manager South, Inner Moray Firth Operational Unit (South & Mid) |
| Co- Chair | Arlene Johnstone – Complex Case Planning Manager |
| Present | Isobel Geegan – Highland & Islands Autism Society Allan Tubb – Representing Older Adults Neil Macleod – Shirlie Project Dr Neil McNamara – Consultant Psychiatrist Kabie Brook – ARGH Josh Hennessy – in attendance with Kabie Brook Stephen Cameron – Friends of Autism Highland Cathie McGibbon – Police |
| In attendance | Fiona Watt – PA to Jean-Pierre Sieczkarek Christine Sutherland – PA to Arlene Johnstone |

| Item | AGREED ACTION | Action |
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| 1. | <p><u>Welcome, Introduction and Apologies</u></p> <p><u>Apologies:</u></p> <p>Debbie Mackinnon – Key Community Supports Faith Wilson – Autism Diagnostician Liz Syred – Connecting Carers Gordon Davidson – Thera Scotland David Main – Autism Specialist Social Worker Marie MacIlwraith – Scottish Health Council</p> <p>Fiona and Arlene introduced Christine Sutherland to the Group. Recent changes within NHS Operational Unit included a restructuring of admin support and it has now been agreed that Christine will provide admin support to all the Autism Strategy and Sub Groups. Arlene agreed to share Christine's contact details</p> <p>Update on actions from previous meeting:</p> <p><u>Item 2</u> – AT advised that Item 2 was not true and accurate. He advised that the wording in the notes should refer to being completely inclusive of all people with Autism (as per video) and individuals without capacity. JP advised that Item 2 of the Action Notes will be amended accordingly.</p> <p>IG advised that the Action Notes are not being distributed timeously. IG asked that the Action Notes be distributed within 14 days of the meeting taking place. This was agreed.</p> | <p>AJ</p> <p>JPS/CS</p> <p>AJ / CS</p> |

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| <p>2.</p> | <p><u>Sub Groups – Updates</u></p> <p><u>Sub Group 1 – A Healthy Life</u></p> <p>Dr Neil McNamara, Chair of this group confirmed that the group have identified their priorities as:-</p> <p>Education & Training Issues Diagnostic Issues Post-Diagnostic Issues</p> <p>NMcN advised that he is in discussion with Cameron Stark to conduct a Process Pathway Mapping Exercise to identify how best to make changes to the Diagnostic Pathway.</p> <p>JP confirmed (as stated in previous notes) that proposals for the development of an Autism Specialist Health Team had been taken to ASCG, and although the group welcomed the proposals there is currently no additional funding available.</p> <p>NMcN was advised there is a formal link to Childrens Services but due to the changes in staffing in Highland Council communication is not as good as it should be. JPS agreed that this group would like to hear more regarding the outcome of the Rapid Process Improvement Workshop (RPIW) regarding Children & Young People with Neuro-developmental Needs</p> <p>AT expressed his disappointment that no-one from the group was more involved with this.</p> <p>JP confirmed that primary care, education and training are the areas here to be prioritised</p> | |
| | <p><u>Sub group 2 – Choice, Control & Independence</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairs: Arlene Johnstone & Gill MacLennan <p>AJ advised that they are working through KETSO to identify priorities. These have been identified and now need to identify actions and develop workplan together to meet long term aspirations.</p> <p>It is hoped that this will be available before the next Highland Autism Strategy Group meeting.</p> <p>JP referred to a Seminar held in September last year and agreed with concerns that there is limited choice and control re Self Directed Support (SDS) packages. SDS Options are available to all with an assessed need completed on a Personal Outcome Plan (POP).</p> <p>AT asked if someone can come to the next meeting that can explain and advise re SDS Options and the process involved. JPS advised he will speak with Janet Spence re the groups concerns.</p> | <p>AJ</p> <p>JPS</p> |

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| | <p><u>Sub group 3 – Active Citizenship</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairs – Neil Macleod & Ann Gilles <p>NMcL advised that the Autism Initiative Development Fund ends at Easter 2017 which will affect numerous projects in Highland supported by the funding.</p> <p>The group discussed Claire Watt's current role. She is on 12 month secondment to scope the potential benefits of introducing a Transitions Team in Highland. Although it has not yet been formally agreed, and her work is ongoing it is proposed that the team will work with young people aged between 14yrs and 25yrs. The team will focus their work on Young People with Learning Disabilities, Autism and Children with Complex Needs but Claire.</p> <p>AT is concerned about the transition from children to adult and fears they will not be cared for when leaving full time education. JP confirmed that the Transition Team will cover all aspects of care/education etc when transitioning from Child Services to Adult Services.</p> <p>The Principles of Good Transition 3 has now been published and includes an Autism Supplement. Available here: http://www.autismnetworkscotland.org.uk/the-principles-of-good-transitions/</p> | |
| 4. | <p><u>Highland One Stop Shop</u></p> <p>JPS advised the Group that Albion House (Highland One Stop Shop building) is for sale and a For Sale sign has now been positioned outside the building.</p> <p>AT queried why the Shirlie Project weren't given money to part fund any venue and why only the One Stop Shop received money . JP advised that this was not his decision – it came from the NHS Highland Chief Executive.</p> <p>NMcL advised that if a network such as the One Stop Shop is lost in the Highlands it will be very difficult to reinstate.</p> <p>NHSH hosted a small workshop with the Management team from Autism Initiatives at the end of last year to help with the identification of alternative funding routes.</p> | |
| 5. | <p><u>Autism Network Scotland Evaluation</u></p> <p>Prof Jean MacLellan and Donald Macleod are visiting Highland on 26th and 27th April. They would like to meet with all the 3 Sub-Groups before the Strategy Group Meeting on 27th April.</p> <p>They would also like to meet with people in a small Focus Group to discuss the impact the strategy groups are having.</p> <p>AJ has asked Christine to arrange this.</p> | AJ / CS |
| 6. | <p><u>AOCB</u></p> <p>Draft Work Plan Template – the group agreed to use this format.</p> <p>Cathie McGibbon (Police Scotland) would like to share within the Police an email</p> | |

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| | <p>update re good practice / things they need to know and asked the group for advice. Agreed to gather templates, existing information and share with the group for a consensus view.</p> | AJ |
| 7. | <p><u>Date of Next Meeting</u></p> <p>27th April – 1pm – 3pm Board Room, John Dewar Building, Inverness</p> | |