

<b>Action Notes</b>	<b>Highland Autism Strategy Meeting</b> <b>11am – 1pm on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2017</b> <b>Centre for Health Sciences</b>	
<b>Chair</b>	Jean-Pierre Sieczkarek, NHS Highland Arlene Johnstone, Complex Case Planning Manager	
<b>Present</b>	Craig Lowther, Inverness College Gill MacLennan, HOSS Autism Initiatives Dr Neil McNamara, Consultant Psychiatrist, NHS Highland Neil MacLeod, Shirly Project Isobel Geegan, Highlands & Islands Autism Society Alan Tubb, Older Persons Representative Debbie Mackinnon, Key Community Supports	
<b>In attendance</b>	Christine Sutherland, PA/Admin Support to Arlene Johnstone	

Item	AGREED ACTION	Action
1.	<p><b><u>Welcome, Introduction and Apologies</u></b></p> <p><u>Apologies:</u> Liz Syred – Connecting Carers Kabie Brook, ARGH Faith Wilson, Autism Diagnostician Cathie McGibbon, Police Scotland Joshua Hennessy, ARGH &amp; Support Worker</p>	
2.	<p><b><u>Previous Action Notes</u></b></p> <p>All agreed as a true and accurate reflection from last meeting.</p>	
3.	<p><b><u>Matters arising/actions from Previous Meeting</u></b></p> <p><b>Police Scotland:</b> - Feedback will be deferred until next meeting as Cathie was not in attendance.</p> <p><b>Highland One Stop Shop:</b> – Gill updated the group re the HOSS. Albion House has now sold and the sale goes through on 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2017. Actively looking for new premises but this is proving difficult and a “stop gap” might be needed until alternative premises are found. Highland Council have been advised and are aware that HOSS need alternative premises. The deficit is now down to £30k and funding is in place until March 2018.</p>	

<p>4.</p>	<p><b><u>National Update</u></b></p> <p>Arlene updated the group regarding recent conversations with Autism Network Scotland (ANS).</p> <p>ANS have agreed to work with Highland to review the Highland Autism Strategy. The updated Strategy will be written with support from Jean and Donald of ANS. This document will then be reviewed by the Group at a workshop in November. Some members of the group expressed concern regarding this approach.</p> <p>It is anticipated that the Scottish Government will issue the refreshed outcomes shortly. The Scottish Government is also indicating that it is likely that they will set specific priorities for local Strategies to focus on. ANS will support Local Authorities/NHSH to pilot projects regarding the new priorities. Highland have been identified as one of the areas and will pilot a project relating to Mental Health.</p> <p><b><u>Group Discussion</u></b></p> <p>AT queried why there are no representatives at the meetings for N&amp;W. JPS agreed to discuss with Tracy Ligema/Gill McVicar.</p> <p>AT raised the contents of the Terms of Reference document to which JPS advised would be discussed later in the meeting as per the Agenda. AT raised the question on funds and who funds events and room hires. JPS advised there is no additional funding.</p> <p>AT raised a query re lack of respite and asked if Respite Homes were closing down (in particular Beechview) and who was responsible for this area. <b>JPS advised he will action AT's concern of lack of respite and provide an update re Beechview.</b></p> <p>IG queried caseloads of Autism Specialist Social Workers and requested more information regarding allocation and caseload numbers.</p> <p>JPS advised there is a proposal currently being discussed at Highland Council Committee Meetings and NHS Board meetings for a new Transition Team to work with young people with Learning Difficulties and Autism between the ages of 14 and 25.</p>	<p>JPS</p>
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5.	<p><b><u>Sub Groups – Updates</u></b></p> <p><b>Healthy Lives Group 1:-</b> Dr Neil McNamara gave a brief update. RPIW request has been submitted and logged and are awaiting a response. NMcN advised that the group are not intending to meet in the near future unless their requests for an identified Autism Team are actioned. NMcN referred to his last Minute outlining this request.</p> <p>JPS advised that this request has been discussed at the Adult Social Care Commissioning Group and efforts are underway to bring together existing Autism Specialist Staff, and those with an interest, into a team.</p> <p><b>Choice, Control Autonomy and Independence Group 2:-</b> AJ and GM gave a brief update on the group. The group are progressing actions around the training framework and intend to discuss further with colleagues in NHS Highland. The next Autism Lead Event will focus on the NES Training framework, Optimising Outcomes.</p> <p><b>Active Citizenship Group 3:-</b> Neil McL updated re his group. This group has not met recently. Recent developments include involvement in the proposal for the transitions team. Shirlie Project have also been involved in the development of the application process for the recently re-launched strand of the ILF (Independent Living Fund).</p>	
6.	<p><b><u>Event Planning</u></b></p> <p>Nothing to report or discussed at today's meeting.</p>	
7.	<p><b><u>Strategy Group Terms of Reference</u></b></p> <p>A small group met to discuss the Terms of Reference (ToR). Updates have been made and the document will be redistributed for any additional comments to be included. IG and AT expressed concerns that the document did not meet the needs of Autistic people. AJ advised that as previously discussed they can submit their amendments and comments on the draft ToR.</p> <p><b><u>Equality &amp; Diversity Training for Group Members</u></b></p> <p>25<sup>th</sup> September 10am – 12.30 – (insert venue when booked)</p>	
8.	<p><b><u>15 Minute Speaker</u></b></p> <p>No speaker was available at today's meeting.</p>	

<p><b>10.</b></p>	<p><b><u>AOCB</u></b></p> <p>IG raised the issue of overnight costs quoted by one support provider. JPS asked for further details to be shared out with the meeting.</p> <p><b>Equality and Diversity Training</b> to be held on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2017, 10.30 – 1pm</p> <p><b>Highland Autism Strategy Workshop</b> to be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2017, 10.30 – 2.30pm</p>													
<p><b>11.</b></p>	<p><b><u>Dates of Next Meetings</u></b></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>23<sup>rd</sup> January 2018</td> <td>12.30 – 2.30pm</td> <td>Board Room, Assynt House</td> </tr> <tr> <td>27<sup>th</sup> April 2018</td> <td>12.30 – 2.30pm</td> <td>Board Room, Assynt House</td> </tr> <tr> <td>28<sup>th</sup> June 2018</td> <td>12.30 – 2.30pm</td> <td>Board Room, Assynt House</td> </tr> <tr> <td>23<sup>rd</sup> October 2018</td> <td>12.30 – 2.30pm</td> <td>Board Room, Assynt House</td> </tr> </table>	23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2018	12.30 – 2.30pm	Board Room, Assynt House	27 <sup>th</sup> April 2018	12.30 – 2.30pm	Board Room, Assynt House	28 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	12.30 – 2.30pm	Board Room, Assynt House	23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2018	12.30 – 2.30pm	Board Room, Assynt House	
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