

Action Notes

Autism Strategy Meeting

Tuesday 29th November 2016 at 11am

Centre for Health Sciences, Inverness



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 – Older Persons Representative for Autism Gill MacLennan – Autism Initiatives Neil Macleod – Shirlie Project Faith Wilson – Autism Diagnostician Marie MacIlwraith – Scottish Health Council Kabie Brook – ARGH Joshua Hennessy – in attendance with Kabie Brook Jane Baines – Development Officer – Highland Council Cathie McGibbon – Police Scotland David Main – Social Worker for Autism based at Corbett Centre
In attendance	Jill Asher – NHS Highland
Apologies	Debbie Mackinnon – Key Community Supports Charlie MacKinnon – Social Work Inverness East Ellie Wolfe – Health and Happiness Malcolm Hamilton – Senior Dental Officer Liz Syred – Connecting Carers

Item	AGREED ACTION	Action
1.	<p><u>Welcome, Introduction</u></p> <p>JP Welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for approval of previous meeting note held on 30th August 2016. Apologies of members who could not attend to be included.</p> <p>Previous Notes along with the next Agenda to be sent out 2 weeks in advance.</p>	
2.	<p><u>Confirm membership and alternate</u></p> <p>The group requested clarity on the Autism Strategy Group and confirmation of its role within Highland.</p>	

3. Outcome Groups Updates

Group 1 – A Healthy Life

- Identified a need to formally develop an Autism Specialist Service.
- Identified clinicians who have successfully completed training and are licensed to carry out Autism assessment

Education and Training were identified as a requirement. The Group has been approached by clinicians who have shown a special interest in Autism, these include:

- Speech and Language Therapist
- Psychologist
- Psychotherapist
- Community Psychiatric Nurses
- Community LD Nurse
- Psychiatrists

Tasked to form a multi-disciplinary team as recommended by Scottish Standards and the Autism Achieve Alliance Audit we need to secure regular input from:

- Psychology
- Dietetics
- Occupational Therapy
- Speech and Language Therapy
- Specialist Social Worker

Issues regarding GP training and interaction with people with Autism were highlighted.

Group 2 – Choice and Control

KETSO formulae is being used towards the Action Plan, 3 sessions have now taken place with the final one scheduled as 19th December 2016. KETSO forms a tree with branches and leaves, over 200 leaves have been created by the group, and they are now looking at:

- Barriers
- Challenges
- Solutions
- Training
- Access to SDS

Group 3 – Active Citizenship

Bigger Picture

The Shirlie Project intention is to have worked in all Schools in the Highlands by the end of July 2017. Early indications for 2017 are that leavers are positive and currently all pupils with Autism in the Highlands approx 85% have been identified as benefiting support when they leave school.

When a young person has been referred to the Shirlie Project, a member of staff meets with the person concerned, along with family members to discuss future options. Professionals and potential employers can be invited to the final "Bigger Picture Meeting". Social Work involvement was discussed.

	<p>Outcomes can be revisited for those leaving school that are unlikely to be able to take up full time employment. 1250 letters are being sent out by the Shirlie Project to potential employers.</p> <p>Neil updated the group with information on the Project Activities and Plans on the Bigger Picture.</p>	
4.	<p><u>Work Plan Templates for Outcome Sub Groups</u></p> <p>Arlene to circulate template for approval.</p>	
5.	<p><u>Record of Meetings and possible options</u></p> <p>JP has agreed to record his reflections on this meeting, then to be shown to the members for approval. It was agreed that no names to be mentioned to protect members identity. Members asked if others could be included in the recording, JP said if a particular member wants something included in the recording they could volunteer their information.</p> <p>Agreed was JP to reflect only, to be discussed more at the next meeting.</p>	
6.	<p><u>Update regarding Highland One Stop Shop</u></p> <p>HOSS is a much valued and unique service in the Highlands.</p> <p>Autism Initiatives has agreed to work with NHS Highland and other organisations to identify future funding.</p>	
7.	<p><u>Date of next Meeting</u></p> <p>Meeting closed at 12.35pm</p> <p>28th February 2017 at 11am - Centre for Health Science Classroom 2</p>	