



Notes and Actions from the Oxfordshire Autism Partnership Board

Thursday 10 October 2013

People who came:

Parents and people with autism:	
Paul Isaacs	Autism Oxford and person with Autism
Faye Brown	Autism Oxford and person with Autism
Emma Corless	Autism Oxford - Supporter (and Provider)
Joanne Freedman	
Providers:	
Sally Powis	Southern Health
Clare Robertson	Consultant Community Paediatrician – Oxford University Hospitals (OUH)
Maria Finnis	Senior Paediatric Trainee - OUH
Kiri Summers	Clinical Team Manager – Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS)
Gita Lobo	Autism Family Support
Sue Brooks	Strategic Lead - Adviza
Health	
Juliet Long	Senior Commissioning Manager
Social care:	
Janet Johnson	Co-Chair and Children with Special Educational Needs Manager
Sarah Ainsworth	Disabled Children's Manager
Sue Edwards	Service Manager
Ryan Bradley	Lead Area Team Manager
Sarah Breton	Lead Commissioner – Children and Young People
Pat Gibson	Commissioning Manager
Robyn Noonan	Lead Commissioner - Adults
Lara Fromings	Commissioning Manager
Alison Partridge	Public Engagement Service Manager
Chris Booker	Senior Practitioner - Asperger HF Autism
Zoe Elford	Engagement Team
Lynda Chalcraft	Strategy Team

People who could not come:

Tiffany Williams	Co-Chair
Lucy Butler	Co-Chair and Oxfordshire County Council
Sarah Hewitt	Person with Autism
Kathy Erangey	Autism Oxford - Supporter (and Provider)
Valerie Murphy	Southern Health
Marie Tidball	University of Oxford
Andrew Bates	Thames Valley Probation Service
Marian Roiser	Parent Partnership
John Walton	Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group
Jonathan Dennett	Head Teacher Fitzharrys School

1. Corrections and actions from the July meeting

Corrections:

- Sarah Hewitt is listed as a Provider when she should be listed under Parents and People with Autism
- Kathy Erangey should be listed under Parents and People with Autism and as a Provider

Actions:



- Change the paper on how the Autism Partnership Board works to include what people have said above and send out to members - **done**
- Send round to Board members a list of who is on which working group and ask for new members for other groups - **done**
- The Board agreed that it wanted to ask for an autism target to be included in the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy priorities for 2013/14.
 - **Target agreed as: provide autism awareness training for an additional 500 front line health and social care workers in Oxfordshire**

2. Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (OUH) – Clare Robertson and Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) – Kiri Summers

Please see the attached slides from the meeting for Clare's presentation.

Key points from Kiri were:

- CAMHS worked with children and young people aged up to 18

- They worked with children and young people aged 5 and above as OUH diagnosed the under 5's.
- CAMHS were currently working with children and young people referred with suspected autism and no other conditions.
- The organisation is developing a care pathway for the whole age group.

The main difficulty for both organisations was lots of people wanting help and not enough staff to support them.

3. Early Years Autism Support – Ryan Bradley and Sue Edwards

Please see attached slides.

4. Progress on the Big Plan for Autism – Sarah Ainsworth

Please see attached slides.

5. Autism Family Support – Gita Lobo

Please see attached slides.

6. Group work – how can we work together better – what people said

ACTIONS:

We need to:

- Make sure the working group is set up and doing the things we said we would do to make things better for children and young people in the Big Plan for Autism
- Offer a minimum level of support to children and young people that have a diagnosis of autism and their families and then make sure that everyone knows about it
- Look at the services we have and what we need, using good practice (NICE) guidelines
- Support and train staff supporting children and young people with autism and their families
- Make sure we buy services that meet needs and sort out issues with the CAMHS and OUH contracts
- Look at how many children and young people with autism are not in school and then work out how we can best support them



- Work together better because the need for services for children and young people with autism are going to grow and we will have less money to spend
- Join up the ways we do assessments so that children and young people stop having another assessment each time they go to a different organisation for support
- Listen to what parents are saying about the support they need
- Work out how to meet the needs of families not in contact with services

7. Group work - personalisation

Please see the attached slides.

Paul Isaac and Janet Johnson read out a case study (attached) about James to introduce the session. Board members were then asked for their ideas on how to support young people with autism to travel independently. They said:

- Parents and schools can work together to support the young person
- Independent travel should be part of the curriculum
- Train bus drivers
- Use peers and mentors (Travel Buddies) for support
- Increase awareness of autism so that the public can support young people with autism to travel independently
- Develop personalised apps/sat nav to guide young people
- Do things in small steps

8. Autism Self - Assessment Framework

Please see the attached slides.

ACTION:



Lynda to send the self - assessment framework to all Board members and ask them to come back with any comments and/or changes by 18 October.

9. Evaluation

Most people said they were pleased they had attended the meeting, had been able to have their say and felt listened too. Everyone agreed that it had been really useful for Sue and Ryan to meet with people with autism before the Board meeting to make sure their presentation was autism friendly. In future we needed to make presentations very short and clear and stick to time.

10. Date, time and place of future meetings:

All meetings will be from 9.30am to 12.30pm in Classroom 2, Said Business School.

- 30 January 2014
- 22 April 2014
- 17 July 2014
- 16 October 2014