

Notes from the Oxfordshire Autism Partnership Board
19 April 2012

The Oxfordshire Autism Partnership Board is an opportunity to provide joined up services across the whole County across all ages in partnership

These notes have hyperlinks to further information.

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Present:

Parents and people with autism

- Faye Brown (FB) – parent and person with autism
- Paul Isaacs (PI) – Autism Oxford and person with autism

- Jo Clay (JC) [National Autistic Society](#)
- Kathy Erangey (KE) – parent, [Autism Oxford](#)
- Gita Lobo (GL) – [Autism Family Support](#)

Local government

- Alison Blaylock (AB) – [Special Educational Needs Support Service](#)
- Ann Nursey (AN) – Lead Commissioner, adults of working age and older people with [Learning Disabilities](#)
- Fenella Trevillion (FT) – [NHS Oxfordshire](#)
- John Dixon (JD) – Deputy Director, Adult Social Care
- John Walton (JW) – Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group
- Jonathan Dennett (JD) – [Fitzharry's School](#)
- Lara Fromings (LF) – Learning Disability Commissioning and Contracts
- Lynda Chalcraft (LC) – Senior Policy Officer
- Marian Roiser (MR) – [Parent Partnership](#)
- Rachel Reid (RR) – National Autistic Society
- Sarah Ainsworth (SA) – Children's Disability Service
- Sarah Breton (SBre) – Joint Commissioner
- Sue Edwards (SE) – [Special Educational Needs Support Service](#)
[Oxfordshire County Council Social and Community Services](#)
[Oxfordshire County Council Children, Education and Families](#)
- Zoe Elford (ZE) – Engagement Officer

Health services

- Juliet Long (JL) – [NHS Oxfordshire](#)
- Sally Powis (SP) – Ridgeway Partnership, clinician
- Sue Haynes – [Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust](#)

Providers

- Sue Osborn (SO) – [Kingwood Trust](#)
- Sue Brooks (SBro) – [Connexions](#)

Apologies:

- Annelies Henshall – Early Years Intervention Service
- Jane Wallington – [Mabel Prichard School](#)
- Janet Johnson (JJo) – [Special Educational Needs](#) Lead
- Michele Harding (MH) – [Oxford Health NHS Foundation](#) Trust
- Netta Buckett (NB) – [Early Years](#)
- Richard Brooks – Autism Resource Base
- Sarah Hewitt (SH) – person with autism
- Yvonne Taylor (YT) – [Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust](#)

Guests:

- Helen Gray-Stephens – medical student
- Robert Pritchett – National Autistic Society
- Ryan Bradley – Early Years and Early Intervention Service

Summary of Actions

Outstanding actions from January:

LC

- Make additions to membership, or see how these areas can connect to the autism Partnership Board
- ORH paediatrician
- More clinicians – e.g. [Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services](#)
- Liaise with David Proudfoot to enable adult social care data-base (Swift) to record known diagnoses of autism in adults with learning disability

KE, JL and LC

- To plan a meeting for the future to be led by people with autism

JL and employment sub-group

- OES flyer and referral form to go on Autism Partnership Board's webpages on Autism Oxford website

Actions from this meeting:

- **JL** and **LC** will manage the process for identifying a new Chair
- **JL** and **LC** to 'advertise' for a new Chair and Vice Chair through existing networks and stakeholder groups
- **JL** and **LC** to set up selection panel
- **All** Autism Partnership Board members:
 - Email **LC** with suggestions of a new Chair and Vice Chair (which might include current Autism Partnership Board members)
 - Email **LC** if you are interested in being part of the selection panel
- **LC** will be the main contact for the Autism Partnership Board
- **ZE** will be the contact for developing better connection with people with autism and families
- **JL** and **LC** to organise participation by the Autism Partnership Board in the forthcoming Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy
- **LC** and **JL** to organise workshop at next Autism Partnership Board about how the autism Partnership Board might connect to the health and wellbeing board

- **JW** will look for a GP who might be an autism champion and liaise with **LC** and **KE** – KE has possible nomination currently in training consultation which starts on 1 May 2012

Attachments with these notes:

- Autism Accreditation
- Developing a strategy for autism in Oxfordshire
- E-learning Kwango demo
- Health and wellbeing board presentation
- IHaL-DH template update
- Early Years

Forward plan for Autism Partnership Board meetings: lead responsibility

July

- Election of Chair and Vice Chair: **JL** and **LC**
- Report on training strategy: **JC** and **training sub-group**
- Report on Autism Strategy developments: **AN**, **FT** and **SBre**
- Connections to health and wellbeing board: workshop: **LC**
- Set dates and arrangements for 2013: **LC**

October

- Review DH self-assessment – workshop on ratings direction: **LC**
- Gemma Gray's report on children and young people with learning disability and autism: **LC to follow up**

Notes from last meeting – corrections and comments

Family Support worker:

- Children's services will still be providing funding for this work
- Autism Family Support hoping to provide support for a year
- Children in Touch are thinking about a transition worker
- Adult learning disability services thinking about how to provide support for families in a more strategic way

Changes to the Autism Partnership Board: led by John Dixon

John Dixon is stepping down as Chair after the July meeting. Autism Partnership Board members thanked John for chairing the initial meetings and providing a strong foundation to build on.

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Eddy McDowall is moving to a new role away from the Autism Partnership Board. Autism Partnership Board members thanked Eddy for organising the initial meetings.

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Health and wellbeing board: update from Fenella Trevillion

The health and wellbeing board is now operating in 'shadow' form. Its formation is part of the Health and Social Care Act 2012. A primary reason for their formation is to address the 'democratic deficit' in accountability for local NHS services.

Health and wellbeing boards:

- Include a membership of representatives from elected members from local government and local clinical commissioning groups
- Cover all ages across the locality
- Are responsible for three main priorities:
- Integration of health and social care
- Refreshing the Joint Strategic Needs Analysis
- Writing a Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy – **JL** and **LC** to organise participation by the Autism Partnership Board in the forthcoming consultation which starts on 1 May 2012.

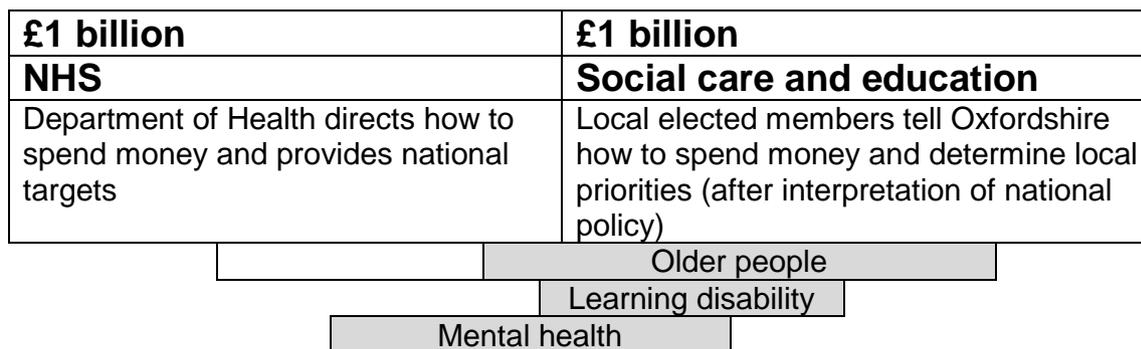
Oxfordshire's health and wellbeing board has 3 sub-boards:

- Health Improvement Board
- Adult and Social Care Board
- Children and Young People's Board

and a developing public involvement network. The public involvement network is not just about local HealthWatch (the successor to Oxfordshire LINK from April 2013)

Some of the barriers to integration of health and social care are that local government uses different systems (finance, databases etc). Development of strategy is also driven by from different places; from the government for health and from elected members for social care (local interpretation of government policy). But there are already a number of ways that health and social care join up:

- Pooled budgets
- Partnership working
- Co-location of staff



These rows show current approximate pooled budget arrangements. Autism developments are reported through both the Learning Disability and Mental Health Joint Management Groups (Ann Nursey and Fenella Trevillion).

The Autism Partnership Board will need to think about how it connects to the health and wellbeing board.

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- GP as autism champion: – **JW** will look for a GP who might be an autism champion and liaise with **LC** and **KE** – KE has possible nomination currently in training

A question for each health and wellbeing sub-board might be:

- Have you assessed the risk of what your limits are and what are your connections?

For more information on Oxfordshire's health and wellbeing board please follow:

- <http://mycouncil.oxfordshire.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CId=776&Year=2012>

Please also see attached notes and presentation on membership and priorities of the sub-boards of the Oxfordshire health and wellbeing board.

Department of Health Assessment Tool: update from Eddy McDowall

See attached summary of the early report from the Learning Disability Public Health Observatory (IHaL).

The Autism Partnership Board would like to:

- Note that the self-assessment is a live document
- Note that progress has been made on diagnostic pathway: a pathway should be in place by autumn 2012, although work is still to be done for pre- and post-pathway
- Note that work has started with the criminal justice system
- Review Oxfordshire's submission at the October meeting with an indication of where the orange ratings are going (up to green or down to red). **LC** to include in 2012 forward plan.

Autism Accreditation: presentation from Robert Pritchett

Please see attached presentation and this link for further information:

- <http://www.autism.org.uk/our-services/autism-accreditation.aspx>

Accreditation costs £1,800 to 2,800 per year with three bands of service size.

Training: feedback from Jo Clay

Schools have 5 training days per year.

Could the Autism Partnership Board work through SEN governors?

The training of teachers and teaching assistants could help Oxfordshire 'raise achievement'.

See slide set attached on initial results from Training Needs Analysis.

E-learning:

- Kwango offer 1-1½ hour online training:
www.kwango.com/understanding_autism_elearning.php
- RGCP offer training online and you can register as a 'health professional'
- Other professional colleges such as British Psychological Society offer 3 modules (module 3 only for BPS members)
- Hampshire have offered their 20 minute module free to Oxfordshire
- Should be a foundation, but next level should be face to face

We need to develop top tips that can be used and tailored to any training situation.

SCERTS: presentation by Sue Brooks and Ryan Bradley

See attached presentation.

About 60-80 children are diagnosed in Oxfordshire each year: 15 in north Oxfordshire alone last year.

Autism Strategy: update from Ann Nursey

Kingwood Trust trustees have kindly offered to fund the development of Oxfordshire's Autism Strategy. Initial meetings have involved **AN, FT, SBre, JL** and **SO**

Latest developments to be brought to the July meeting.

Next meeting

Thursday 19th July

9.30 (for tea/ coffee), 10 start, 2.30pm finish

Ridgeway Partnership training rooms, Horspath Driftway, Oxford OX3 7JH