



Notes from the Oxfordshire Autism Partnership Board

19 July 2012

Training Room, Ridgeway NHS Partnership Trust, Slade House, Oxford, OX3 7JH
10am to 2pm

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.
Look for underlined blue words

1. Present:

Parents and people with autism

Paul Isaacs (PI) – Autism Oxford and person with autism

Kathy Erangey (KE) – parent, Autism Oxford

Tiffany Williams - founding member of OYE and person with Asperger's Syndrome

Local government

Alison Blaylock (AB) – Special Educational Needs Support Service

Ann Nursey (AN) – Lead Commissioner (Adults)

John Dixon (JD) – Deputy Director, Adult Social Care

Lara Fromings (LF) – Learning Disability Commissioning and Contracts

Marian Roiser (MR) – Parent Partnership

Sarah Ainsworth (SA) – Children's Disability Service

Sue Edwards (SE) – Special Educational Needs Support Service

Zoe Elford (ZE) – Engagement Officer

Janet Johnson (JJ) – Children with SEN Manager

Health services

Juliet Long (JL) – NHS Oxfordshire

Sally Powis (SP) – Ridgeway Partnership, clinician

John Walton (JW) – Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group

Liz Shaw (LS) – Head of Childrens Services, Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust

Fenella Trevillion (FT) – NHS Oxfordshire

Providers

Sue Osborn (SO) – Kingwood Trust

Sue Brooks (SBro) – Connexions

Gita Lobo (GL) – Autism Family Support 2

Stakeholder organisations

Jo Clay (JC) - National Autistic Society

Rachel Reid (RR) – National Autistic Society



Apologies:

Annelies Henshall – Early Years Intervention Service
Jane Wallington – Mabel Prichard School
Faye Brown – Parent and person with autism
Lynda Chalcraft – Policy and Partnership Officer
Sarah Breton – Lead Commissioner, Children and Young People
Jonathan Dennett – Fitzharry's School
Netta Bucket – Area Service Manager (Southern)
Yvonne Taylor - Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust

2. Summary of actions

Outstanding from previous meetings:

- 1) OES flyer and referral form to be posted on Autism Oxford website – **JL**
- 2) Liaise with David Proudfoot to enable adult social care data-base (Swift) to record known diagnoses of autism in adults with learning disability – **JL/LF**

Actions from this July meeting:

- 3) Send Lucy Butler APB information and arrange to meet before next APB meeting - **LC/JL**
- 4) Timescale to review the Chair and Vice Chair position should be 1 year - check TOR – **JL**
- 5) Training sub group would prepare an action plan with milestones for the October meeting – **KE/SP/JL**
- 6) A letter from the Chair would be sent to all system leaders reminding them of their responsibilities under the Autism Act - **JD**
- 7) Report on the HWB consultation to be circulated to Autism APB members – **LC**
- 8) APB members interested in being on the social worker interview panel to contact DP - **DP**

3. Notes from last meeting

Corrections:

John Walton and Fenella Trevillion should have been listed under health services rather than local government.

Comments:

Family Support Worker

GL reported that the trustees of Children in Touch had agreed to match the OCC CYP funding for a transition worker to enable them to recruit to a full time post. Post should be filled by September.

It was agreed through the quarterly reporting processes it was important to use the referral data collected to use as evidence of need in the 2013/14 OCC planning process, and for use in the DOH self-assessment returns which require us to indicate the number of people with Autism known to services.



4. Chair and Vice Chair recruitment update

Chair:

JL reported that despite expansive advertising of the Chair position to local networks and four expressions of interest, no people had been selected for the role. However JD informed the group that Lucy Butler the incoming Deputy Director, Adult Social Care had expressed an interest and proposed that she should become Chair. It was agreed to take this forward and Lucy would be sent the necessary APB information and an informal interview would be set up.

Vice Chair – Young person:

ZE introduced Tiffany who had come to the meeting to observe with a view to becoming more involved in the Engagement side or possibly putting herself forward as co-chair.

It was agreed a timescale to review the Chair and Vice Chair position should be 1 year, JL to check TOR. Also a pre-meet between LC/ZW/JL/Chair and Vice Chair was agreed would be useful to ensure all the necessary information was shared prior to the meeting and to agree sequencing of the agenda.

5. Training needs assessment and pilot reports:

5.1 Training needs assessment - JC and RR presented the findings from the training needs analysis – presentation circulated with the notes.

The discussion highlighted the following areas to address:

- As the training agenda is huge, we need to be clear in Oxfordshire what we want to do/buy.
- Need to use the responsibilities within the act to influence organisations to mandate training; through contracting processes
- Need to explore further a multi - agency approach to prevent duplication
- Top down behaviour change needed to ensure leadership but-in; needs to be done through HWB and Autism Strategy
- It was agreed the sub group would prepare an action plan for the October meeting and a letter from the Chair would be sent to all system leaders reminding them of their responsibilities under the Autism Act.

5.2 Training pilot – KE and PI reported on the success of the training programme to date which had been very well received by all parties.

The importance of training all staff was supported and the issue of capacity to do that; it was noted that hospital providers had not received any training and based on feedback Autism Oxford from people who had been patients the staff were very unaware of how to communicate or understand the needs of someone with Autism.



6. Health and Wellbeing Board – update on consultation and how doe APB connect with it

JL presented summary of a discussion from a separate APB meeting about the HWB consultation – some issues that were highlighted included, the need for Autism to be included in the JSNA, clarity around whether Autism was part of the LTC category, more emphasis on the early years and the importance of a good start in life.

FT responded and it was noted:

- It had been recognised that Autism should be included in the JSNA
- HWB strategy is a 'living' document and not supposed to be something that can't be added to – it is a high level set of goals and all the workstreams including Autism contribute to it.
- Even though Autism is not specifically mentioned it does not mean the work gets ignored as organisational leads are involved and will be able to communicate in and out of meetings
- Autism is prioritised within LD and MH strategies and JMGs and those groups report to the HWB board.
- The Public Involvement Network is vital to keeping the HWB informed of current issues.
- The HWB structures and processes are still embryonic and the APB will be kept up to date as it progresses; a report on the consultation will be circulated.

7. SEN and disabilities Green Paper - Support and Aspirations next steps

JJ presented a paper that set out the main aims of the green paper and explained pathfinder sites would be evaluated in the Autumn which help inform future best practice – there is a link to the information –

[Green Paper, support and aspiration: A new approach to SEN and disability – progress and next steps](#)

One of the aims to improve the quality of information for parents and CYP of what is on offer from SEN and discussion focussed on ensuring there is an honest communication between all parties, parents, children, local authorities about what is possible and what to expect, it should be a pure partnership approach and the CYP needs should be established as early on as possible so that they are getting the right approach early on. 5 It was noted learning from adult's introduction of personal budgets would be useful. It was emphasised the needs of CYP would only be properly met if staff in organisations were all signed up to the same flexible personalised approach and providers needed to ensure they had a 'people not production line culture'.

JJ would keep the APB updated on progress when appropriate.



8. Report on Development of Autism Strategy

WB/AN updated the Board on the progress to date of developing a strategy. The information gathering stage was nearly complete and then WB would put together a first draft document for comment at the next meeting – it would be short but have a lot of references.

Areas that had been highlighted as important so far included:

- CYP transitions
- Improving local capacity to reduce OOA placements
- Crisis prevention
- Having a training strategy
- Developing a team around the family approach – so that in Autism it was a ‘team around the person’

Next steps would be to consult on the draft strategy and implementation plan. APB would receive a copy as soon as it is ready if that is before the next meeting.

9. Senior Social Worker post

DP presented the functions of the role and the type of person required. It was noted it was a senior role which would have a development focus but also carry a caseload, the number is still to be decided. It was agreed this post would be the foundation for future social care workforce development and although it would have a high workload it presented great opportunities progressing partnership working and filling gaps in the pathway.

Recruitment would be in the Autumn with the person most likely to be in post by the end of the year.

DP asked for APB members who were interested in being part of the interview panel.

10. Autism Alert Card Evaluation Report

In the little time left of the meeting, KE reported that all the alert card launches had been done and were a great success in terms of attendance and feedback. The police and probation training had received very positive feedback. Numbers of alert cards issued had not been as high as first expected but it was acknowledged the training element was fundamental to helping people with autism be better understood.

11. Next meeting

Next meeting is on October 18 2012 – 10 to 2pm, Cassington Village Hall, The Green, Cassington, Oxford. OX29 4AX

Note: Slides of all the presentations are circulated with the notes