

# AUTISM PARTNERSHIP BOARD MEETING

## MINUTES

13<sup>th</sup> March 2013 at 1.30pm

Supper Room, Elgin Town Hall

<b>Chair:</b>	<b>Jane Mackie, Head of Community Care</b>
<b>Co-Chair:</b>	<b>David Silvester</b>

<b>AGENDA ITEM/TOPIC</b>	<b>ACTION POINT</b>
<b>1. Welcome from the Chair</b>	Jane introduced herself and welcomed board members. People were directed to use Red and Green cards if they wished to input into or query discussions.
<b>2. A Moray One Stop Shop</b>	<p>Gill Pritchard introduced the One Stop Shop:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• There is strong evidence to suggest that supporting people with Autism at an early stage can prevent them requiring specialist services.</li><li>• One problem for people with Autism is that services or supports, which people take for granted, can be quite general and don't provide support specific to each individual – in some cases needs are not being met.</li><li>• Some of this might be overcome through the current awareness raising training and understanding of Autism increases in general, helping people with Autism to access supports.</li><li>• The Autism Strategy identified the need for a 'One Stop Shop'.</li><li>• The key to this 'One Stop Shop' is somewhere to provide information either face to face or on a web site, and support of social groups to reduce isolation.</li><li>• Today's focus is on what is required in Moray and to help us develop it further.</li></ul> <p>Gill then guided the people to the One Stop Shop information that was available for viewing on the tables.</p>
<b>3. The Grampian One Stop Shop</b>	<p>Sarah McGregor, Area Development Officer of NAS spoke on behalf of Wendy Minty about the Grampian One Stop Shop.</p> <p>Please see Appendix 1.</p>
<b>4. What People Think of a One Stop Shop in Moray</b>	<p>Ann Griffin spoke of the Autism Awareness training that is ongoing. Feedback has been good, with people commenting its "brilliant". It is now possible to book via Leisa Zakeri.</p> <p>Citizen Leader model continues and along with this Autism Board</p>

	<p>addresses the raising awareness of Autism priority.</p> <p>There was an original consultation with people with Autism and Carers in June 2012 which gathered opinion about having a One Stop Shop in Moray – People said they wanted something. This consultation was done together with NAS to ensure it would fit in with and work with the Grampian One Stop Shop.</p> <p>The findings were published in “The VOiCE” newsletter and used as feedback to NAS, ourselves and also people with Autism and their carers.</p> <p>Ann, Leisa, our Social Work Training Team for Autism, and David one of our Autism Trainers travelled to Edinburgh to see No. 6 - they met with their staff and took back some of the ideas that they have.</p> <p>Newsletters and activities programmes were available for viewing on various tables at the Board Meeting.</p> <p>We also had a meeting in Aberdeen with NAS with some of our trainers to see what the Grampian/ Aberdeen One Stop Shop would look like and how we made sure they complement each other.</p> <p>During the past month, we have been consulting with people about the idea of a One Stop Shop – particularly targeting people that wouldn’t or couldn’t come our Board meetings. They answered the same questions that were put to the groups at the meeting.</p> <p>To make sure the One Stop Shop is what people want and need and we make the best use of the services and resources available, the next step is to collate and analyse: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The original consultation last June</li> <li>• The answers and responses from interviews and postal consultation</li> <li>• The feedback received at this meeting</li> </ul> <p>Then, depending on the analysis Ann will carry out a scoping exercise of the opportunities there are to work with locally, for example, the Moray Resource Centre, Health Points, Libraries, MIB bus, Voluntary Action Moray, and explore the possibility of working in partnership.</p>
<b>5. Group Work</b>	<p>Board Members were invited to have some refreshments and break into three groups – People with ASD, Carers/ Family and Professionals to discuss the questions set out in regards to a One Stop Shop in Moray.</p>
<b>6. Feedback from Group Work</b>	<p>The collated responses along with the individual responses will be analysed with the larger consultation and a report will be circulated before the next meeting.</p> <p>Please see Appendix 2 – the collated responses from all three groups.</p>
<b>7. Election of Co-Chair and Deputising Co-Chair</b>	<p>The election of a new co-chair and deputising co-chair’s was deferred to next meeting.</p>

<b>8. Any Other Business</b>	<p>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2013 is Autism World Awareness Day. This will be the official launch of the Autism Trainers.</p> <p>A project called Life In Colour will be taking place also and it was discussed and suggested that photos and videos from our Launch could be submitted to the project. Ann Griffin and David to look into submitting images.</p> <p>Please see Appendix 3 - 'Life In Colour' Project information.</p>
<b>Close of Meeting</b>	<p>Jane closed the meeting by thanking everyone for attending. Praise was given for the meeting which acted as more of a working group.</p>
<b>9. Date of Next Meeting</b>	<p>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2013 at 1.00pm At the Supper Room, Elgin Town Hall</p>