

MORAY AUTISM PARTNERSHIP

MINUTES

Tuesday 24th February 2015 at 12.30pm

The Gallery, Elgin Library

Chair:	John Campbell (HSC)
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In Attendance: Key: HSC = Health & Social Care (Adult Services) PS = Police Scotland ICS = Integrated Children's Service	James Maxwell Wendy Davidson Sarah Mackinnon Christine Ainley Brenda Weaver Robert Maxwell Ann Maxwell	Sheena Arthur Dawn Stroud John Atkinson Emma Sharpe (HSC) Heidi Sands Harry Gordon (PS)	G.J. Thow Fiona McPherson (HSC) Aimee Killa (HSC) John Campbell (HSC) Diane Smith, Bodysurf Scotland Karl Jay-Lewin, Bodysurf Scotland
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Agenda Item	Discussion Point
1. Welcome	John welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were noted from David Silvester, co-chair, and Glyn Morris of the Moray and Nairn branch of the National Autistic Society who had been due to provide an update on the National Strategy.
2. Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Arising	<p>The previous minutes were agreed as accurate.</p> <p>Matters Arising:</p> <p><u>Dates of 2015</u> – The dates of the 2015 meetings had been circulated. At the lead officers planning meeting it was agreed that due to a number of requests an evening meeting be trialled to encourage wider participation. The date of the May meeting will now be Tuesday 19th May, 6-8.30pm.</p> <p><u>Contact List</u> – A query was raised regarding how up to date the contact list is for the Autism Partnership. It was advised that the list is updated as per signing in sheets from the meetings but the opportunity will be taken to update the contacts for groups and organisations.</p> <p>Action – lead officers planning meeting to review circulation list.</p> <p><u>Co-Chairs</u> – John asked that anyone with an interest in standing as chair or co-chair for this group to get in touch with Aimee or Emma, or by contacting autism@moray.gov.uk</p> <p>Action – nominations for chair and co-chair to be sought at May meeting.</p>
3. Moray Autism Strategy Action Plan	Aimee Killa, autism development co-ordinator, explained her role in co-ordinating the implementation of the Action Plan which sets out how the objectives of the Moray Autism Strategy will be delivered and who is responsible for completing the actions.

	<p>All actions support the strategy's 5 key aims: Working in Partnership; Diagnosis; Knowledge and Support; Community Understanding; and Support, Opportunities and Services.</p> <p>Aimee has met with officers from health, social care and integrated children's services to discuss the work being undertaken in support of the action plan and other areas of work which could link to the strategy.</p> <p>Aimee is responsible for reviewing the progress of the main actions and smaller tasks in support of the actions. She presented a report to the partnership.</p> <p>After 1 year 30% of the main actions from the plan have been completed which is a great achievement and 59% are in progress – this includes long-term actions which are ongoing for the duration of the strategy.</p> <p>60% of the smaller tasks have been completed. Only 10% have not yet been addressed which is due to these tasks being medium or long term goals, such as Adult Diagnosis.</p> <p>Workshop - At their tables, members then reviewed driver diagrams showing the strategy aims, the main actions which sit underneath and related tasks, and were asked to suggest further tasks which would contribute to delivery of the aims. The comments made will be collated by Aimee, discussed with the 3 Lead Officers and reported back to the next Partnership meeting.</p> <p>It was noted that the full action plan has not been circulated.</p> <p>Action – the action plan to be made available; comments from the workshops to be reported to next meeting; an annual review of the full Strategy Action Plan to be presented to the partnership.</p>
<p>4. Third Sector Development</p>	<p>Aimee advised that this is now a standing item on the agenda for the third sector to come along and showcase services which could benefit adults and children with autism.</p> <p>Karl Jay-Lewin (Founder) and Diane Smith (Business Manager) of Bodysurf Scotland, a Performance and Dance organisation based at Findhorn, gave a presentation on their work.</p> <p>A short first showed the Nairn Dance and Movement Group for children which was run in partnership with Highland Council through the Better Breaks Fund, and led by Dance and Movement Psychotherapist Ruby Worth.</p> <p>Karl advised that Bodysurf Scotland worked with a specialised team of professionals, i.e. Dance Therapists, Social Workers and Nurses, to bring children together and support them appropriately. Due to the high level of professional input there is a significant cost to running such groups, and partnership working is important in terms of funding and support.</p>

	<p>Karl then invited members to join him in an example exercise looking at 'Contact Improvisation'.</p> <p>John thanked Karl and Diane for coming along and advised that Aimee is in contact with Carmen Gillies (Social & Micro Enterprise Officer for Health & Social Care) regarding developing opportunities in Moray. More information regarding Body Surf Scotland can be found on their website; www.bodysurfscotland.co.uk</p>
5. One Stop Shop Update	This will be reported at the next partnership meeting.
6. Any Other Business	<p><u>Funding Bids</u> – John advised that 3 bids had recently been made to the Scottish Government for additional funding to support autism development in Moray</p> <p>Moray has been awarded £7,500 to host an autism conference in 2015. This will be planned by Aimee Killa and Emma Sharpe, Autism Training Facilitator.</p> <p>Bids were also made for the purchase of equipment for sound beam equipment for use in sound therapy across Education and for the Robot programme which uses technology to support children. Both were unsuccessful but a fresh bid for the Robot programme is to be made to Creative Scotland.</p> <p><u>Autism Awareness</u> – a member of the group queried when Autism Awareness Week was and it was confirmed as 27th March – 2nd April 2015.</p> <p><u>Reporting on autism services</u> – John advised that he will be presenting reports on the work in autism services to the next meeting of the council's Education & Social Care Committee on 18th March to keep elected members informed.</p>
7. Theme for Next Meeting	One of the strategy aims will be selected for the workshop session.
8. Date of Next Meeting	Tuesday 19 th May 2015 at 6 – 8.30pm In the Gallery, Elgin Library