

**North Yorkshire & York Autism Diagnosis Strategic Partnership Group
Monday 20 August 2012 - Minutes**

Present:

5 Chair	Head of SEND Support and Outreach NYCC
24	Bradford Trust, Team Manager
20	SCT & Paediatric Community Therapies Service Manager, Airedale NHS FT
21	Asst. Div Manager Women & Children's Services, Scarborough and NE Yorkshire Trust
22	Consultant for SLCN, NYCC
23	Head of Long term Conditions, HDFT
29	Consultant Paediatrician, Scarborough and NE Yorkshire Trust
9	Lead for Autism, NYCC
32	Leeds and York Partnership NHS Foundation Trust, CAMHS, Limetrees
25	Specialist Senior EP, North Yorkshire CYPS
13	Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys Trust, Service Manager
33	Leeds and York Partnership Foundation Trust, Student Nurse

Action

- 1. Welcome and Introductions:**
All were welcomed and a round of introductions took place
- 2. Apologies:**
34, 17, 16, 28, 14, 39, 10, 35, 36, 1, 6 and 37
- 3. Minutes of previous meeting:**
The minutes of the last meeting 23.05.12 were accepted as a true and accurate record.
- 4. Update on Autism strategy and engagement events**
The twelve week consultation period which began on 14.05.12

closed on 27.07.12. 5 circulated copies of the first draft of a Digest of Consultation Responses. The following points were highlighted:

- 12 public consultation meetings held. Attended by 174 people.
- The final version of the Strategy will be 0-25 in response to consultation.
- Health and Adult Services (HAS) have recently appointed a professional to lead on the development of an adult strategy for NY.
- Consultees welcomed the inclusion of CAF in the diagnostic pathway.
- Health will use the audit tool in the NICE guidance to identify the effectiveness of diagnostic teams and the skills and competencies of professionals involved in the diagnostic process.
- 29 described how the diagnostic panel on the Coast have adopted the use of a Pre-assessment meeting and Core planning meeting as part of the diagnostic pathway.

Comments

- 20 - Joint assessment services in Bradford are following the NICE guidance.
- Could names of autism-friendly doctors/ hairdressers etc be included in the Parent pack?
- Raising students' awareness of autism in training colleges etc would be appropriate.
- 20 - Training in Pathological Demand Avoidance (PDA) by Bradford EP was excellent.

5. Post diagnosis support information pack

An update was provided and the document discussed.

Comments included:

- 'A lot of text on the page'. Could this be broken up by the use of graphics?
- The need for consistency in terms of font and text size throughout the document.
- Some repetition in information for each locality. Could there be a general section with local additions?
- Information on the behaviour team is out of date
- Suggest the document is piloted with some parents – perhaps at diagnostic clinic or alternatively use 'Expert' parents as a reference group.

Next steps

- Make revisions to whole document (one person) and final proof read.
- Develop 'no diagnosis' pack.
- 'Map of Medicine' website suggested.

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- Aim for a completed booklet to be piloted in the Autumn Term.

6. **Multi-agency assessment and diagnostic teams update:**

- Hambleton and Richmondshire – CAMHS are attending diagnostic forum to support diagnosis, however they do not universally diagnose. CAMHS have sent a SLA to 31 re provision of Clinical Psychology, awaiting return of signed copy before proceeding with recruitment to post. 42 is already commissioned for U5s.
- Harrogate – New service (i.e. over 7's) was commissioned a couple of months ago. Case Coordinator, Clinical Psychologist, Speech and Language Therapist should all be in place by November 2012. Waiting list is building.
- Selby – York Forum is working to manage numbers / capacity. North Yorkshire Forum – paediatricians do not attend.
- Scarborough – Revising Pathway. Staff are in place and the team are managing the timeliness of assessments. 19 cases seen in the first 6 months of this year. National average prevalence has already been exceeded.
- Airedale - service is commissioned through Bradford. North Yorkshire is working with Bradford Commissioner. 8 referrals this year for U5s, 14 school age in June/July alone – all of these are in the system, but at this rate numbers will far exceed predicted numbers. No governance arrangements in place around JAC.

7. **Autism Training / awareness raising for parents:**

9 circulated copies of the draft protocol for joint training. 6 is collating a list of expert parents.

Will review how sessions go and their demand

43 (Barnados) may support local events/ stands etc.

8. **Raising awareness of autism / World Autism Day 02.04.13:**

Group suggested launch of all information – Strategy, Information packs etc. Local events e.g. Lads and dads activities.

Action All

9. **AOB:**

No items raised under AOB

10. **Date of Next meeting:**

* 11th December **1.45-3.45pm** Boardroom, Sovereign House, York.

* Please note that the date of the meeting is not as discussed at the end of the meeting due to the revised availability of the

meeting room

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