



SCOTTISH AUTISM SERVICE NETWORK

Models of Local Authority, Council and NHS Support for Adults with Autism Spectrum Conditions within the UK

Many local area strategy and inter-agency groups that the Scottish Autism Service Network are liaising with across Scotland are considering how the needs of adults on the autism spectrum can be met more sufficiently.

The following information provides details of models of support and initiatives for adults upon the autism spectrum across the UK to enable those who are considering developments to use these to inform their strategies and work.

Department of Health Policy and Good Practice Report

A useful starting point is the Department of Health 'Better Services for People with an Autistic Spectrum Disorder: A Note Clarifying Current Government Policy and Describing Good Practice' (16th November 2006) which has a chapter describing examples of good practice across the UK.

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_065242

Scottish Government One Stop Shop Pilots

In 2005, two pilot projects in Lothian and Greater Glasgow were funded by the Scottish Government and NHS to develop 'one-stop' shops for adults upon the autism spectrum. The services are now funded through a combination of statutory and grant funding.

Details of the Lothian one stop shop model (called 'No 6') are available here:

<http://www.number6.org.uk/index.html>

Details of the Glasgow model (the Autism Resource Centre) are available here:

http://www.nhsggc.org.uk/content/default.asp?page=s762&loc_id=2790

ASD Managed Care Network

The East of Scotland Autistic Spectrum Disorder Managed Care Network involves a range of members from different backgrounds and professional groups, all with a common interest in Autistic Spectrum Disorder.

http://www.ldmcn.scot.nhs.uk/Adult_Autism.htm

South East of Scotland Regional ASD Consultancy Service

A multi professional service covering South East Scotland including Lothian, Fife, Forth Valley and Borders Health Board areas. Providing diagnosis and assessment, liaison with local services, advice on management and post diagnostic support to individuals and their carers and training.

http://www.ldmcs.scot.nhs.uk/adult_autism_images/Regional%20ASD%20service%20-%20word%20version.doctian

Scottish Borders ASD Working Group

An multi-agency ASD Working group was set up in 2004 and an Adult ASD co-ordinator was appointed following a successful request by the group for funding to the Scottish Executive in 2005. Following the end of the post in November 2006, a final report with recommendations and an action plan was produced.

http://www.onlineborders.com/site/microsites/asdborders/home/page/index_html and <http://www.scottishautismnetwork.org.uk/about/networkgroups/borders.html>

Highland Adult Autism Development Officer

From June 2005 the Scottish Executive funded an Autism Development Officer to carry out a consultation on the needs of adults on the autism spectrum across the area. A report was passed to the Adults with ASD Planning Group and the Highland Council who are considering options for possible establishment of adult ASD Services in Highland is a key area for development. For information see

http://www.highland.gov.uk/socialwork/learningdisabilityservices/highland_adults_wit_h_asd.htm and <http://www.arghighland.co.uk/historyboy.html>

Forth Valley

An ASD Development Officer was employed for one year from January 2008 to identify the issues within Forth Valley for individuals over the age of 16 with ASD.

http://www.stirling.gov.uk/autistic_spectrum_disorder_dev_officer

Liverpool Asperger team

A multi-agency team developed specifically to assist adults with Asperger's

http://www.mersecare.nhs.uk/services/clinical/learning_disabilities/liv_asperger/asperger.asp

Leicestershire Council

Leicestershire Council and NHS carried out a consultation with adults with ASD and have a multi-disciplinary Asperger's planning group. The summary of the report of the Consultation in March 2006 'Living with Asperger Syndrome' is available here:

www.leicester.gov.uk/EasySite/lib/serveDocument.asp?doc=33036&pgid=27822

The Bristol Asperger's Syndrome Service

A service developed to improve diagnosis of Aspergers for adults across the area

<http://www.aldern.nhs.uk/Bristol%20Asperger's%20Syndrome%20Service.ppt>

Nottinghamshire Strategy

Chapter 6 of the Nottinghamshire County Council Department of Adult Social Care and Health Commissioning Strategy 2007 – 2009 is the 'Commissioning Strategy for People with Asperger's Disorder':

<http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/comstrataspergers.pdf> .

The area have now recently set up a specialist team for adults with Aspergers:

<http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/countynews24page10.pdf>

Somerset Asperger Syndrome Consultancy Team

The team provide advice and consultancy and offer diagnostic assessments, training and support. For details see

http://www.institute.nhs.uk/index.php?option=com_mtree&task=viewlink&link_id=3046&Itemid=165 and <http://www.e-quality4mh-dorsetandsomerset.nhs.uk/english/servicesandkeycontacts/somerset/specialistservices.html#ascs>

Dudley strategy

In June 2002 Dudley Council Social Services set up the DART (Dudley Autistic Resource Team) Project and have a 'Three Year Strategy for Services for Able Adults with Autism aged 16 and over (2007 – 2010)'.

<http://cmis.dudley.gov.uk/CMISWebPublic/Binary.ashx?Document=8800>

Please note: This is not an exhaustive list of models of developments for adults upon the autism spectrum and will be updated on a regular basis. Other models of practice exist through voluntary, charitable and private organisations but the aim of this document is to highlight examples funded and developed by statutory agencies

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