



Surrey Autism Partnership Board

Meeting held on 19th January 2023 via Teams

<p>Tom welcomed everyone, and attendees introduced themselves.</p> <p>Notes of the last meeting / matters arising:</p> <p><i>Follow up actions:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Enable subtitles for meetings – this had been arranged</i> • <i>Sam to follow up Tim contact with Anja about peer support</i> 	<p>Actions</p> <p>SL</p>
<p>Terms of Reference</p> <p><i>The terms of reference were sent out with the agenda and will be recirculated with the minutes.</i></p> <p>Tom briefly described the terms of reference. Nobody suggested any changes when these were circulated, so we will use them from now on. Any suggestions or feedback are still welcome.</p> <p><u>Questions, Answers and Comments</u></p> <p>Sara Truman commented on a typo: page 4 point 16.1</p> <p>Action: Tom to correct the terms of reference and share with Sam. Sam to circulate updated version to the group.</p>	<p>TM / SL</p>
<p>Day Opportunities – Tom Moore and Marnie Cotterill</p> <p><i>Tom and Marnie's presentation was sent round with the agenda and with the minutes. Marnie sent her apologies as she could not make today's meeting.</i></p> <p>Tom clarified that this is mainly about support for people eligible for Adult Social Care services. This includes around 20% of autistic adults in Surrey.</p> <p>This work is trying to influence organisations to develop services in line with what people want, and with Surrey County Council's aims and values. We want the service system to change from more institutionalised model to more personalised, community-based support.</p> <p>We have divided Day Opportunities into four categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Opportunities • Outreach • Employment • Travel Training <p>Questions we are looking at include:</p>	

- Have we got the types of services right?
- What do good services look like?
- Is the location of services right for people?
- Is the way services are priced and funded right?
- Do we know enough about current and future demand for these services?

Questions, Answers and Comments

Justin described services such as Post 19, in Farnham where the service is based in a specialist building, but people use that as a base to access the community.

Tom said that using buildings where needed to support people to access mainstream community facilities was identified as a positive approach. This is part of the variety that we want to support in the County, alongside different approaches that do not rely on specialist buildings

Justin commented saying students leaving school are struggling to find services, and existing services do not have capacity for all the young people coming through. It would be useful to develop and investigate more employability type services for young people alongside other types of support in the community.

Tom agreed with this comment.

Sara – commented on a lack of services in North West and North East Surrey.

Justin – wanted to see less focus on data collection and more action towards providing the support and services needed.

Tom responded that we need data to support organisations that may want to invest in developing the right services in the right locations

Action: Tom to look into whether Matt Hardy could present at a future meeting on transition data and influencing development of services.

Action Jane Gupta and Justin to connect with Tom separately to discuss service needs of young people leaving schools, and possible solutions.

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<p>All Age Autism Strategy (AAAS) Training – Karen Cunningham <i>Karen’s presentation has been sent around with the agenda and an updated one will be sent with the minutes.</i></p> <p>There has been significant progress in improving and rolling out autism training across agencies in Surrey</p> <p>Some key developments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training delivered to adults and children’s services • Suicide prevention training plan for start of rollout • Police training development and rollout • Autism Champions • Autism Friendly Communities • Oliver McGowan Mandatory Training for health and social care staff – This is a national programme, due to start delivering this year, although the timescale for this becoming available is not yet clear. <p><u>Questions, Answers and Comments</u></p> <p>Sara asked if the suicide prevention training was also available to parents.</p> <p>Karen and Jane answered- Yes, the training is for people who work for children services, schools, and adult services as well as parents and carers. It aims to reflect a holistic approach.</p> <p>Amanda – commented saying she had attended the Autism by Experience training and it was brilliant and recommends it.</p> <p>Martin asked – Autism research and findings are developing, latest information about autism is coming out frequently. How often will people refresh their training? Will training keep up to date with developments?</p> <p>Karen – This is something to investigate. Different organisations arrange their own training and we are pulling together the information from them. Training based on national frameworks, such as the Autism by Experience and Oliver McGowan training, will need to be kept up to date with latest thinking and developments. Other training may need a process to review so that it stays up to date.</p> <p>If anyone is interested in the training available, please contact us via ldcommunications@surreycc.gov.uk</p> <p>Action: Karen to send Sam presentation with updated figures to circulate with the minutes</p>	<p>KC</p>
<p>Autism Awareness/Acceptance week – Amanda Aldridge <i>Amanda’s presentation has been circulated.</i></p>	

<p>Autism Awareness/ Acceptance week 2023 will be March 27th – April 2nd. UN International Autism Day is 2nd April.</p> <p>Amanda opened the discussion about what the week should be called, as this was a topic of conversation last year. Most people in the meeting were happy to use the National Autistic Society's name of: Autism Acceptance Week.</p> <p>Amanda presented some suggestions for activities and events for the week, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A group walk • Sharing resources • Educate children through schools – talk at a school • Social media campaign • Create art • Have a webinar with someone with autism who is famous or well known to talk • Fundraise for an organization • And more 	
<p><u>Questions, Answers and Comments</u></p> <p>Sara mentioned NAS Surrey Branch will be doing an event in Guildford Town Centre.</p> <p>Action – Sara and Amanda to stay connected and promote this and any activities and events people have for Autism Acceptance week.</p> <p>Justin commented saying that more awareness raising in mainstream schools would be helpful, but who would do the talks? He mentioned some useful videos that could be circulated to schools, and suggested Vanessa from Freemantles School as a useful contact. Jane Gupta would be key to linking with schools and children's services.</p>	<p>ST/ AA / All</p>
<p>Action: Sam or Amanda to link with Jane Gupta and Vanessa, for Autism Acceptance week.</p> <p>Amanda suggested coordinating something on social media and posting daily – People though this was a positive idea.</p> <p>Mariam stressed the importance of reaching out to communities with protected characteristics such as the traveler community. Tom responded that there is some work underway linking up the Autism Strategy work and organisations representing minority ethnic communities. Jane and Tom are linking with SMEF – The Surrey Minority Ethnic Forum, and the Gypsy Roma Traveller Forum.</p>	<p>SL/AA</p>
<p>Action: To continue to link with these organisations and communities.</p>	<p>TM / JG</p>

AOB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tom - Funding from the Better Care Fund is available to help implement the All-Age Autism Strategy. We will circulate a form that people can use to bid for grants of up to £10,000. (For future years, larger bids may be considered, but these will have to be arranged through the strategy workstreams.) Action – Sam to circulate form once available 	SL
Future meeting dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our next meeting will be on Thursday 20th April 2023 	

Attendance:

Co-Chairs:

- Tom Moore
- (Apologies from Bex Worgan)



Board Members:

- Amanda Aldridge – Engagement and Partnership Officer
- Harmandeep Admane - Public Health Lead Learning Disabilities and Autism
- Jane Gupta - Autism Service Manager - Children's Commissioning
- Justin Price – Executive Head Teacher Freemantles School
- Karen Cunningham - Senior Project Manager - autism training
- Mariam Watling – Public Health Lead
- Martin Woodward - Surrey Choices Employability
- Orsolya Foti - Lead Facilitator of ATLAS, Surrey's participation group for disabled CYP
- Paul Fuller – Disability Employment Adviser Lead - DWP
- Robbie Morrison - Apprentice in the Education and youth team
- Samantha Lewis – Adult Senior Business Support Assistant
- Sara Truman – Parent/ Carer – NAS Surrey Branch
- Tim Harrison: Neurodevelopmental Service Manager SABP