

Lothians Learning Disability Strategy Review Board

Working Group 5 – Autistic Spectrum Disorder and Aspergers Syndrome

The group held it's first meeting on 30/11/05 at 65 Morningside Drive.

Richard Ibbotson chaired the meeting. He reminded us about the things this group was to find out about.

We then set up three pieces of work. These are:

1. Assessing the needs in Lothian

- We will try to work out how many people with learning disabilities live in Lothians
- We will try to work out how many people with learning disabilities use services now
- We will try to work out if these numbers will get bigger in future.

Phil Mackie will lead this work. He will get help from Mike Brown. He will try to get a report done by the end of February 2006.

- We will make a map showing all the services in Lothians

Duncan McIntyre will lead this work. He will get help from Paul Smith, Polly Wright, Jane Kellock and Alistair Littlejohn. Duncan will try to finish the map by the middle of January 2006.

2. Finding out what users and carers think of the services we already have

Users and carers have been involved in many different projects to find out what they think of services.

Denis will read all of the reports. He will then write a single report that tells us what we know and what we don't know about users and carers views

Denis will work on this with staff from each of the Local Authorities and from Lothians NHS. He will try to finish this report by the end of January 2006.

3. The cost of services?

- We will do a report showing who pays for what.

Sean Morrison will lead this work. He will get help from the Finance Officers in each of the Local Authorities and from the NHS Primary Care Organisation. They will try to finish this work by the end of January 2006.

- We will do a report on the costs of different packages of care

Ian Quigley and Rosie Lawrence will lead this work. They will do a report showing what we have found out by the end of January 2006

We will hold another meeting to talk more about who pays for ongoing care.

Chris will organise this.

We will aim to prepare a Progress Report by the end of March 2006.

Date Time and Place of Next Meeting

Chris will write to Ros Lyall inviting her to join the group.

The next meeting will be in March 2006. Chris will arrange the date and let everyone know.