

Autism Partnership Board Meeting.

04 August 2020 10:30am-12pm

Venue: Zoom

Attendees	
Name	Role / Organisation
Valerie Fitch	Chair / Person on the Autistic Spectrum
Debbie Hobbs	Hereford NAS
John Gorman	Herefordshire Council
Paul Choppen	Herefordshire Council
Laura Ferguson	Herefordshire Council
James Baker	Person on the Autistic Spectrum / Hereford Make
Michelle Baillon	Parent Carer / Crossroads
Aubrey Bailey	Independent consultant on autism
Rob Gorle	ACSYL
Gill Gorle	ACSYL
Jenny Dalloway	Herefordshire and Worcester CCG
Rachael Johnson	Clinical lead with Family Psychologist
Les Knight	Herefordshire Council
Alexa Heath	Herefordshire Council
Anne Pierce	HVOSS
Anna Wainwright	HVOSS

Apologies	
Name	Role / Organisation
Julie Walker	Herefordshire Council

Introductions

Valerie welcomed everyone and asked people to introduce themselves.

Previous Minutes- John Gorman.

John went through the minutes from January

Matters Arising

Implementation Plan-John said that the board may need thing about whether the Implementation Plan has enough objectives. Currently the objectives includes:

1. Autistic Diagnosis Pathway Feedback-
2. Autism Awareness Training for Staff-
3. Support package- Pool Budgets
4. People attending meetings -Autism Partnership

Autism Training

Foster Carers- Les said Autism Awareness training is in place for foster carers.

Schools-Autism training for staff in Schools was planned for November.

Autism Diagnostic Pathway-Jenny Dalloway / Rachael Johnson

The Family Psychologists had been given a two year contract to run Herefordshire's Adult Diagnostic Pathway from April 2020. The service is for anyone 18+ referred through their GP. Mobilisation Plans have been put on hold due to COVID with any physical assessments taking place in Kidderminster. They hope to have appointments in Hereford as soon as possible. Currently they are operating through 2/3 hour Online Workshops.

A discussion ensued about the late referrals being sent to Bristol and concerns around how long GP's take to refer patients for a diagnosis.

For more information please see the Autism Assessment document attached.



Autism Assessment - Herefordshire - 2020

The board had a discussion around how the service could be publicised and independent feedback on the service be gathered. Jenny and Rachael said she would have a conversation around the content they would like to be shared and will forward onto Debbie to publicise through Hereford NAS newsletter.

Action 1-Jenny to discuss with Rachael what information on the ADP they would like to share and send to Debbie to publicize.

Action 2- Debbie to publicize Adult Diagnostic Pathway brief through Hereford NAS newsletter.

Children's Autistic Diagnostic Pathway-Les Knight

Les said the pathway was at final draft stage but there is a hold up with both providers (1-to 10 years old and 10 years+) struggling to meet the NICE timescale with their current resources.

Action 3 -Les will discuss it further with Becky Dwight from Hereford and Worcester CCG to find a resolution.

Actions:

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Debbie Hobbs	Action 2 - Debbie to publicise Adult Diagnostic Pathway brief through Hereford NAS newsletter.
Les Knight	Action 3 -Les will discuss the delay to the Children's Diagnostic Pathway with Becky Dwight from Hereford and Worcester CCG to find a resolution.

Date of Next Meeting- 6th of October from 2-3:30pm. Mary Simpson will give an update on the Reasonable Adjustments guidance she has been working on.