



Pan Dorset ASC Partnership Board

Minutes of the meeting held at Delphwood on 8 December 2014

Present	
Name	Organisation
Jonathan O'Connell (Chair)	BOP
Diane Waters	DAAS Director
Elaine Hurl	BBC & Dorset CCG
Paul St Quinton	DCC
Allyson Evans	DCC
Karen Sutton	CAAS/DHUFT

Apologies	
Name	Organisation
Brian Cox	DAAS
Sue West	DCC
Karen Wilmshurst	Autism Wessex

		Action
1.	Minutes of the last meeting These will be covered at the next meeting on Monday 2 nd February	
2.	<p>Possible Uses of £18.5K DoH capital funding Could this funding be used for the “safe havens” which might double up as training flats for developing independent living skills?</p> <p>Agreed that we will look more at how assistive technologies can support people with ASC as part of the Implementation Plan.</p> <p>Karen Sutton pointed out that the OT’s have never as yet had a request for training at a special facility – they tend to try and support people to learn skills in their own homes/environments.</p> <p>There is already a bid in from Poole and Bournemouth for separate funding for a “Safe Haven”. Dorset CC is also planning to develop a third safe haven.</p> <p>The idea for the Dorset bid (for a “sensory friendly “room in a publicly accessible building) will be to try and work with (for example) the library service to have a room adapted so that people can book it to use for meeting with people with ASC.</p> <p>Agreed it doesn’t need to be in a library (although libraries are good</p>	All



	<p>places for children); the room could be within any public building, such as leisure centres, County Hall, day centres etc. Would help if it could be available for a drop in at set times (this would rely on volunteer staffing). Room would need dimmable lighting, sturdy soft furnishings, blinds, some level of soundproofing and should have good wi-fi access. Allyson will put together a bid for this.</p> <p>Allyson's draft proposal will be emailed to Alison Waller tomorrow (cc to JO'C, EH and PStQ); the concept will be to provide autism friendly environments within our communities to offer a resource for meetings, therapy and peer support.</p>	AE
3.	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>a) CAAS Management Kim Dix is the new CAAS Manager for Dorset Healthcare. This will start in the new year (February). Karen Sutton will make sure Allyson Evans has her contact details for the circulation list as soon as she starts in post.</p> <p>b) Publicity for £65k Sensory room grant: Allyson will send Karen Sutton the emails about this so that she can follow up on DHUFT's plans to publicise the award.</p>	KS AE
4.	<p>Implementation Plan</p> <p>Work Stream A Action to stay as it is.</p> <p>Work Stream B This is basically completed. There is an outstanding action to produce a map of the care pathway and clarify for GP's that referral is to CAAS (not DAAS) – CAAS have already written to all GP's about this on two occasions. There are six monthly contract reviews of the service.</p> <p>Work Stream C A lot of this is on-going.</p> <p>For the database, there could be a push to get more sign up when the Autism Alert Card is launched. The funding for the database was only for two years; it will end at the end of 2015 (it was funded by the NHS PCT). The database will be reviewed during 2015/16 and a decision will be made about whether on-going funding should be sought.</p> <p>Work Stream D Jo O'Connell pointed out the need to add ZBR (Zero Based Review) in this section.</p> <p>Work Stream E Karen pointed out that people who didn't get a diagnosis as a child in school arrive at CAAS with complex problems and social isolation.</p>	All



	<p>There are people who may not get Education, Health and Care Plans who will need help when they reach adulthood and education support ends.</p> <p>The PD ASC PB needs to keep abreast of how the local authorities are going to implement the Children’s Act and put in Transitions support as part of the Education Health and Care Plans for ages 0-25.</p> <p>Work Stream F</p> <p>Employment:</p> <p>The Employment subgroup is due to meet again in the new year. They want to link in with existing employment support services. There was a disappointing response to the CAAS employment group/course set up earlier in 2014, which had so many people fail to attend planned 1:1 preliminary meetings that it had to be cancelled. Workwise (which works across Dorset, Poole and Bournemouth) is commissioned by Dorset CCG and offers employment support. JobCentre Plus is now using a new course (“Head for Success”), which offers 1:1 support rather than group activity.</p> <p>Housing:</p> <p>Alyson Evans to send the draft questions about housing experiences to Diane Waters. We need to know if there is any support available and if there is, does the staff offering support know how to help people with ASC. In Bournemouth there is a service called “Bournemouth Floating Support”. There is something similar in Poole, but not in the Dorset CC area (being in the Supporting People scheme is the way of accessing help there).</p> <p>Work Stream G</p> <p>Training the workforce:</p> <p>Diane asked why this is just about training the workforce; could we extend it to family carers etc. Karen Sutton said we need to keep this section as just covering the workforce (n.b. workforce training was a key aspect of the national guidance around implementing the Autism Act).</p> <p>Staff training under the Care Act should include ASC awareness and carers’ awareness. Each authority lead needs to check that their Learning and Development teams are including ASC. Allyson to check with Sue West (cc Paul St Quintin). Elaine Hurll and Jo O’Connell will check in their authorities about this. Noted that CAAS can signpost to other courses (like those run by the Recovery and Education Centre).</p> <p>CAAS has tried to deliver GP training but it is difficult to get G.Ps to attend. There is now a GP lead nationally for autism and it is going to be a priority for GP training over the next three years. She is based in Bristol.</p>	<p>AE</p> <p>AE EH, JO’C</p>
5.	<p>Themes from DAAS for priorities for the Plan</p> <p>The need for access to “low-level support” runs through all the DAAS</p>	



	<p>feedback; realistically, local authorities cannot deliver the low level support people need (if they have eligible care needs). We need to make sure people know where they can go to access support for certain aspects of their lives; this needs to go in the 2015/16 Implementation Plan. There is also the matter of how assistive technology could help with certain aspects of people's needs. It was proposed that this be considered within the review of the Pan Dorset ASC Strategy (see Item 6 below). Any support that is delivered has to be within existing budgets, there will be no additional funding. With regard to young people, we need to think about how best we can enable them to live independently.</p>	All
6.	<p>Pan Dorset ASC Strategy Work on revising the strategy should probably take place during 2015/16. The first step will be to look at what comes out from the DoH in terms of statutory guidance on implementation of the Autism Act.</p>	AE
7.	<p>ASC Self-Assessment 2013/14 This has not yet arrived from the DoH; it is due to be completed by early March. Allyson Evans will work to ensure DAAS members (East and West) have time to consider the proposed responses at their February meetings. <i>Post meeting note:</i> as of 15.12.14 no more information regarding the ASC SAF for 2013/14 had been received.</p>	AE
8.	<p>Date of next meeting The next full meeting of the PD ASC Partnership Board will be held at Delphwood on Monday February 2nd 2015, at 14.00 (<i>please note slightly later start time for the 2015 meetings</i>).</p>	