**Meeting of Thurrock Adults Autism Action Group   
Tuesday 10th February 2015   
10:00am to 12:00pm – Training Room, The Beehive, Grays**

**Action Points**

**Attendees:** Allison Hall (Thurrock Council), Ian Evans (Thurrock Coalition), Andrea Walter (SAFE), Catherine Wilson (Thurrock Council), Ashley Woodward (CaPa). Neil Woodbridge (TLS), Matthew Wright (TLS), Lorraine Fugl (The GLC), Jill Bacon (The GLC), Anita Griffiths (Parent)

**Apologies:** Christine Ludlow, Tom Sage, Molly Sage

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| **Topic** | **Discussion & Agreed Action Points** |
| Welcome and introductions  Minutes and actions from 9/12/14  Autism strategy update  Actions  Capital bid for equipment  Sharing our terms of reference and minutes  Autism self-assessment  U/A portal  Discussion topics  Actions  Social groups Hathaway 8 seater cinema  Action  Future meeting topics and invitees  Actions  Meetings | Apols – Tom and Molly Sage, Christine Ludlow  Welcome by Ashley Woodward (AW)  Actions from prev meeting appear on the agenda  Workshop in November – amended the strategy, Jan – HWWB approved it for consultation for a period of 6 weeks   * Link to go out again with minutes for distribution * Some login issues re: consultation  Email Allison with issues / facilitate hard copy * Accessibility * Action plan and summary into easy read * NW and MW to take to “spectrum” group to re-write it   Thurrock Council sought views on strategy through Thurrock Coalition  6 week deadline – first week in March  £18,500 from DH for equipment or buildings  Conformation – landed in the last week of Jan  Equipment to be held at Beacon Hill library   * Speech and language therapists   Post 16 unit – accessible to all  Outcome focussed   * Advertise – flexibility * Small = make things happen * Aside – I.T. budget within the Council  Could purchase some training if money is left over   Barclays bank – offering free coding and Skype training – groups / peer support  Come to people – community hubs  AH – to circulate details  Transport issue  People don’t like coming to the Council  Could rotate around the borough  Speak to hubs and librarians  Rachel Gallehawk  Mobile libraries  Once know what we’ve got:  Speak to schools, libraries and LACs  AH – counterpart has contacted and requested sharing of documents   * Good practice * Sharing is positive * Building links * Similar stakeholders – e.g. shared police force * Police probation and courts   Only generally under the Equality Act 2010  Joint training across adult and children’s is needed  Police have introduced MH triage system  District commander  Custody suite  Adam (2012) film around dealing with the police   * Training to be delivered by people with lived experience   Focus group – 24/2/15 – 2pm – 4pm  Also an autism action group page  People to request “Beta” link  Changes and updates  Education – paper attached  Transition  South Essex College  Could link up with “Ambitions About Autism”  Educational resource – up to 25  People supported in the community coupled with classroom learning   * Ambition = getting the experts into the college   High percentage with complex needs coming through the local schools  MW – TACC has good understanding of the needs  AH – asking public health to draft a paper  NW – No specialist provider in autism in Thurrock  CW – market position statement – what the need is now. What future needs will be  AH – to send link to market position statement  Jill Close (JC) enterprise, employment opportunities need to broaden, increase  CW – need to find this – WOW – TCIL – 2 years  Employability and work readiness  P and G employment  Revamping the employment strategy  Job coaches are the most effective solution  SNAP – Brentwood  Re-vamped – “spectrum” every other week – Thursday 6pm – 8pm   * 9 people – out and about talking, sharing life experiences. No age limit   Bar and snooker hall – Riley’s – a good open  Forum – special interest and socialising outside  Info on the portal  Share info and email details  SEC – education – NW and AW to invite them  Availability May 2015  Sources  Support  Police – Leigh Norris – November   * May 5th – 10am – 12noon – TBD * August 4th 10am – 12noon – Committee room * Nov 3rd 10am – 12noon – Committee room   A.O.B – care act awareness events – poster attached  Improveyoursocialskills.com – website |