**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  |