

Cover Sheet Autism Programme Board Papers

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Title of paper

Updates from the listening stage of the 2010 Adult Autism Review and Views for the strategy re-fresh

Summary

The National Autism Society, the Autism Alliance UK and Autism Plus will update the Board and highlight main messages to come out of the listening exercise, ahead of a discussion on how these should be considered when re-freshing the strategy.

Action required / recommendation

For information and discussion

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2. A short summary of listening phase events is attached at **Annex A**.

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Annex A

Event/activity	User and Care involvement	Details
On-line survey	Over 1,100 people with autism or their carers or family members took part in the survey.	Autism Plus oversaw the survey, following which some people who had taken part met together in small facilitated focus groups.
Focus groups/meetings	People with autism and family members/carers played a full part in these facilitated meetings and focus groups. Many have also been attended by policy officials who gave updates on their areas and directed people to practical support where appropriate.	25 have taken place, organised by NAS, the Autism Alliance, Autism Plus, Autism Wessex and NORSACA in places that included Manchester, Leeds, Hull, Nottingham, Newcastle, Carlisle, Chester, London, the South East and Dorset. Issues covered included health and social care, employment, transition, diagnosis, hate crime, old age, BME and autism, data collection and complex needs.
Ministerial and Parliamentary Engagement	People on the autism spectrum have been able to talk to Norman Lamb MP, the Minister for Care and Support, about their experiences, both good and bad, and hopes for the future.	The Minister spoke at the major conference organised by the Autism Alliance UK, attended the NAS push for action event in Parliament, issued a written statement in the House of Commons and is due to visit an autism service in London and meet people with autism and strategy implementers from Essex and surrounding areas.
Coverage at other conferences	Many of the people who attended these conferences were on the autistic spectrum or family members, who took the opportunity to take part in workshops or ask officials questions in plenary sessions.	Officials and Board Members have spoken and run workshops at conferences that include the Autism Show in Manchester and London, the Celtic Nations Autism Partnership conference in Belfast and the Transitions conference in Doncaster. Officials will also speak at a conference organised by Living Autism in early November.
Autism Leads Regional meetings/events	People with autism have attended to speak about their hopes and goals, run workshops and take part. Other presenters, have also spoken about their family members who are on the spectrum.	The Review has been covered at meetings/events in the North West, the South West, the North East, the South East, London and an event on the criminal justice system in the East Midlands. Yorkshire and Humber and the West Midlands will be holding events in early November.

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Blogs and articles	A number of people with autism have followed up the blogs and asked questions or given their views.	During Jon Rouse and Michael Swaffield both blogged and during September short articles were written for NHS News and the LGA Bulletin amongst others.
Webchat	Webchats are a popular way for people with autism to take part in discussions.	DH officials took part in a webchat organised by Ambitious about Autism on 2 nd October. It was successful and others may follow.