



The Adult Autism Strategy

Achieving Successful Implementation

13 January 2011 – Manchester Renaissance Hotel, Manchester

2 February 2011 – Ramada Bristol City Hotel, Bristol

Giving public sector professionals the tools they need to implement the adult autism strategy cost-effectively and efficiently.

Don't miss the
Early Booking
rate – ends
12 November!

Featuring:

- > **Christine Austin, Liverpool Asperger Team**
- > **Christopher Mitchell, Nottinghamshire County Council**
- > **Dr Ian Ensum, Bristol Asperger Syndrome Service**
- > **Glynis Beck, Autism Centre for Supported Employment**
- > **Zandrea Stewart, Coventry City Council**

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The Adult Autism Strategy

The Adult Autism Strategy: Achieving Successful Implementation will help you to ensure that you are up to speed with the delivery guidelines and give you the tools you need to improve the delivery of services to people with autism.

The **adult autism strategy** sets a clear framework for all mainstream services across the public sector to work together for adults with autism. Its objective is to kick-start fundamental change in public services aimed at helping adults with autism to live independent lives and find work. The first-year delivery plan will be released in December 2010 – just a few weeks before this conference. Thorough knowledge and understanding of the plan will be vital to successful implementation of the strategy, and this conference will be one of the first opportunities for you to hear about it.

This key event from The National Autistic Society will discuss the guidelines set out in the delivery plan. In particular, it will focus on the challenges professionals face over the next 12 months now that priorities for action have been set and implementation begins. The success of the strategy will depend upon improving the ability of existing services to meet the needs of people with autism. It is vital that public sector workers acquire the learning and skills development necessary to understand and deal appropriately with people with autism.

Key topics include:

- › implementing the adult autism strategy in today's financially restrictive environment
- › setting up specialist autism teams
- › enhancing diagnosis and referral pathways
- › assessing needs and delivering personalised services
- › improving autism awareness amongst employers
- › helping adults with autism to reach their goals
- › successful approaches to delivering training
- › assessing performance and planning for the future.

Sponsorship, exhibition and networking opportunities

For bespoke sponsorship packages, or to exhibit at this event, please contact **Kate Laird** on **020 7923 5734** or email **conference@nas.org.uk**

This conference will provide up-to-date information on the implementation of the strategy, covering what's mandatory and what's not, as well as a range of interactive seminars giving delegates the chance to ask questions and air their views. Key speakers will also present case studies highlighting examples of best practice and success stories.

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Register your place today to take advantage of our **Early Booking rate!**

Attend to:

- › discover what you need to be doing to **meet your obligations**
- › understand what **people with autism want and expect** from the strategy
- › hear key information and case studies from **experts in the field**
- › take part in **interactive seminars**
- › network with other professionals to **benchmark your performance and learn from your peers.**

Who should attend?

- › Senior managers/joint commissioners responsible for sourcing and providing services for adults with autism
- › Primary care trust chief executives
- › Directors of adult social services
- › Education, housing, employment and transition service providers for adults with autism
- › Social workers
- › Employment advisers
- › Training advisers
- › Healthcare specialists
- › Voluntary sector groups/charities
- › Service users who would like to understand more about the strategy.

About the organisers

The National Autistic Society is the leading UK charity for people with autism (including Asperger syndrome), their families and the professionals who work with them. We provide information, support and pioneering services, and campaign for a better world for people with autism.

Conference Programme



This conference will be repeated over two different dates and venues. Choose the time and location that best suits you!

Thursday 13 January 2011 – Manchester or **Wednesday 2 February 2011** – Bristol

Plenary sessions

<p>08:45 Registration and refreshments</p> <p>09:30 Opening address from the Chair</p> <p>09:40 An overview of the adult autism strategy Carol Povey Director of the Centre for Autism, The National Autistic Society</p> <p>10:15 Meeting your obligations in today's financially restrictive environment Christine Austin Team Manager - Liverpool Asperger Team</p> <p>10:45 Question and answer session</p> <p>10:55 Morning refreshments</p>	<p>11:25 Building specialist teams Christopher Mitchell Team Manager - Nottinghamshire Adults with Asperger's Team, Nottinghamshire County Council</p> <p>11:55 Effective diagnosis pathways Dr Ian Ensum Consultant Psychologist, Bristol Asperger Syndrome Service</p> <p>12:25 Personalisation of services Sara Crookdale Service Broker, The National Autistic Society and Andrew Ellis A person with Asperger syndrome</p> <p>12:55 Question and answer session</p> <p>13:05 Lunch</p>
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Seminar sessions

Please choose the two seminars you would like to attend.

<p>14:00</p>	Seminar A	Improving employment opportunities	or	Seminar B	Housing
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Improving autism awareness amongst employers ■ Helping people with autism overcome barriers to finding work ■ Working to resolve recruitment and retention issues ■ Case study – improving employer awareness <p>Glynis Beck Centre Manager, Autism Centre for Supported Employment</p>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Helping adults reach their goals and achieve independence ■ Providing supported living services across the UK ■ Assessing housing need and the appropriateness of housing for adults with autism ■ What financial help is available <p>Maurice Harker/ Steve Harris Lead Housing Advisors, Housing Options</p>	
<p>14:35</p>	Changeover seminar sessions				
<p>14:40</p>	Seminar C	Assessing need	or	Seminar D	Transition planning
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Carrying out personalised needs assessments ■ Delivering on the adult autism strategy in 2011 ■ Assessing need and providing access to services ■ What do local authorities need to put in place? <p>Nick Fripp Head of Operational Transformation Adult Care & Support, Cornwall Council</p>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Establishing an appropriate transition plan that meets the needs of the individual ■ Working with other agencies to aid transition ■ Providing annual transition reviews ■ Assessing what an individual will require in the future from agencies <p>Lyn Frith Transition Support Programme Consultant, The National Strategies</p>	

Plenary sessions

<p>15.15 Afternoon refreshments</p> <p>15:45 Providing necessary training Robert Pasterfield Autism Trainer, Wokingham Mencap</p>	<p>16:15 Local leadership - taking responsibility for adults with autism Zandra Stewart Service Manager - Learning Disabilities Community Services, Coventry City Council</p> <p>16:50 Closing remarks from the Chair</p> <p>17.00 Conference ends</p>
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For more information and to register, visit www.autism.org.uk/conferences/strategy2011

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Please tick the date/location you wish to register for:

13 January 2011 - Manchester or 2 February 2011 - Bristol

Rates	Early booking rate Book by 12 November 2010	Standard rate
Conference rates	<input type="checkbox"/> £195 + VAT	<input type="checkbox"/> £225 + VAT
NAS Members rate	<input type="checkbox"/> £175 + VAT	*Please note: The standard rate of VAT is currently 17.5%; this will increase to 20% on 4 January 2011.
Exhibitor Rate	<input type="checkbox"/> £395 + VAT	For full details of what the exhibitor rate includes, please visit the website: www.autism.org.uk/conferences/strategy2011

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<input type="checkbox"/> C - Assessing need	or <input type="checkbox"/> D - Transition planning

Places are limited for the workshops and are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. We cannot guarantee that you will be able to attend your first choice and so we recommend that you book early to secure your place.

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Conference fees

All prices include entrance to the conference and seminar sessions, lunch, refreshments and comprehensive delegate documentation. Fees do not include delegate accommodation and travel and The National Autistic Society (NAS) is not responsible for arranging these.

Payment

Payment must be received before the conference date. If payment is not received by this time, delegates will be required to guarantee payment by credit card on the day of the conference. Cheques should be in pounds sterling and should be made payable to 'The National Autistic Society'.

Cancellations and refunds

Delegates who wish to cancel their places must do so in writing. If notice of cancellation is received at least 21 days prior to the event, the NAS will refund the full registration fee less £50 administration charge. If notice of cancellation is not received within 21 days prior to the conference, then we regret that no refund can be made.

Substitutions can be made without charge up to three days prior to the event. In the event that the NAS has to cancel the event, delegates will be given as much notice as possible and given a full refund (if paid in full) or a credit note (where payment is not yet made). We regret that we will be unable to compensate delegates for any travel or accommodation costs incurred.

Overseas delegates

EU countries: Delegates attending from EU countries are exempt from paying VAT only when their organisation is VAT registered within their own country. Confirmation of the VAT registration number is required at the time of booking. Non-EU countries: VAT will be charged on the invoice but you are able to claim back the VAT charge.