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Living well with Autistic Spectrum Disorder

Learning from best practice and looking to the future across the UK

Date: Tuesday 22 November 2011

Venue: The Studio, Birmingham

Key speakers

Hugh Morgan OBE *Chief Executive Autism Cymru, and Expert Advisor for ASD to the Welsh Government*

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9.30am Registration

10.00am Chair's welcome and introduction

Hugh Morgan OBE *Chief Executive Autism Cymru, and Expert Advisor for ASD to the Welsh Government*

10.05am How the land lies in Wales: an overview of developments since 2008

- The ASD Strategic Plan for Wales – key features and impact
- What have we learned?
- How can we continue to progress?

Hugh Morgan OBE *Chief Executive Autism Cymru, and Expert Advisor for ASD to the Welsh Government*

10.35am The development of an infrastructure

- Developing the infrastructure within Wales
- Development and implementation of action plans
- Practice sharing
- Ongoing support of ASD developments

Johanna Manikiza *ASD National Strategic Coordinator, Social Services Improvement Agency*

11.00am Refreshments

11.20am Employment and employability

- Raising awareness among employers
- Breaking down barriers
- Protection and support for adults with autism joining the workforce
- Insights and recommendations

Robert Lloyd Griffiths *Director – Wales, Institute of Directors, and Wales Autism Employment Ambassador*

11.50am Q&A and morning review

12.10pm Lunch

1.00pm Housing: supported living as a service to adults with autism

- Challenges faced by commissioners, families and service users, and providers
- Working in partnership locally
- The short, medium and long-term implications

A representative from Cartrefi Cymru

1.30pm What's happening locally

An overview of recent initiatives and developments in the West Midlands region, and their impact and implications

A representative from Autism West Midlands

2.00pm Refreshments

2.15pm ASD in Scotland: plans and aspirations

Dr Robert Moffat *National Director, NAS Scotland*

3.00pm The view from here: implications and opportunities for ASD services in the UK

Carol Povey *Director of the Centre for Autism, National Autistic Society*

3.30pm Panel discussion: Challenges and opportunities in the coming years

Chair: **Hugh Morgan OBE** *Chief Executive Autism Cymru, and Expert Advisor for ASD to the Welsh Government*

Carol Povey *Director of the Centre for Autism, NAS*

Dr Robert Moffat *National Director, NAS Scotland*

Elizabeth Attfield *Learning and Professional Development Manager, Family and Education, Autism West Midlands*

4.00pm Summing up and close of conference

About the seminar

It has been three years since the world's first Government autism strategy was launched; the ASD Strategic Action Plan for Wales. With over £10 million of new investment made into autism strategy and research in Wales since 2008, and a further £2 million ring-fenced for ASD initiatives through to 2012, continued support for work in this sector in Wales is clear.

The creation of a world class autism research agenda in Wales has led to considerable additional investment into research in Wales.

It is crucial that learning is captured and shared from the Welsh experience as widely as possible, not just within Wales but across the UK.

The main purpose of this seminar is to disseminate this learning and bring together speakers and delegates from around the UK to share good practice, learn from each other's experience, and identify sustainable ways to optimise the effectiveness of their own initiatives and organisations.

"I am delighted to announce this £2 million funding package, as it will support and improve a range of services for children and adults with ASD, their families and carers. This money will make a difference to the lives of all those affected by ASD, it will improve diagnostic provision, employment opportunities and widen the range of services available, consistently, across Wales. I feel the Welsh Assembly Government is continuing to contribute positively to all those who live their lives with ASD."

Gwenda Thomas, Deputy Minister for Social Services, 15 Feb 2011 (Source: Welsh Assembly Government)

This seminar will seek to explore what's been achieved in Wales since 2008; what we've learned, and how expectations and objectives may have changed in the process. How wide-ranging have improvements to services really been? Has similar progress been made across health, social care and education services, or has change come about unevenly? Armed with these insights and experience, delegates will work together to identify what needs to be done next, locally and nationally, and how to go about it.

Key topics will include, partnership working, education and employment, person-centred planning, evidence-based practice, community monitoring and support schemes.

Aims of the seminar

- To create a forum for debate and discussion around current issues
- To showcase best practice
- To bring service providers and commissioners, community members, and policy makers together in one conversation
- To foster productive working relationships and communities of practice across and within groups
- To provide delegates with tools, tips, new perspectives and connections to take back to their organisations

Who should attend?

- Social workers involved with children or adults with autism
- Senior managers/joint commissioners responsible for sourcing and providing ASD services, including directors of adult social services
- Healthcare specialists with an interest in autism
- Providers of services to individuals with autism in education, housing, employment and transition
- Charities and not for profit organisations with an interest in ASD
- Employment advisers within Jobcentres and work schemes
- Training advisors and specialists working in LAs and PCTs
- Service users and their families who would like to learn about autism initiatives and policy

Continuous professional development

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The Studio, Birmingham
(a map of the venue will be sent with confirmation of your booking)

Date Tuesday 22 November 2011

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