



# Think Autism partnership Board

Bedford, Central Bedfordshire and  
Luton Progress Update

# Achievements this year

- Tavistock lunch club up and running.
- New group at Central Bedfordshire college
- New comfy room for Central Bedfordshire college
- Many referrals for 1-1 support.
- Hate crime card in print
- Meetings with police and voice groups
- Working with criminal justice system.
- New group for Bramingham Day centre

# Tavistock lunch club.

- The group meets every other Tuesday at The Tavistock pub in Bedford. 12 until 2pm
- The group is very informal and relaxed.
- The staff at the pub have got to know us all well and meets our needs. They also do the best carvery in Bedford!
- We discuss all sorts and have established a great understanding of each other.

# Tavistock lunch club

- We discuss what goes on at the partnership board .
- We feedback on various issues.
- Some members of the group helped to design the hate crime card.
- We are a very friendly group and would welcome new members

# Central Bedfordshire college

- A new group has been set up with the pathways group at Central Bedfordshire college.
- We meet at the Incuba centre in Dunstable.
- We discuss what is happening at partnership board
- We have discussed Hate crime
- We discussed the police
- We will meet PCSOs this week

# The comfy room

- Central Bedfordshire college students have been discussing their ideas for their new comfy room.
- It will be a quiet room where students can go when they are feeling stressed.
- The students have had great ideas about how to furnish their new room.

# Referrals for 1 to 1 support

- As well as group support if one to one support is needed we take the information and either do one off piece of advocacy work or request an advocate for the service user.
- There has been a significant increase in referrals for 1 to 1 support due to the increased understanding of advocacy.

# Hate Crime Card

- This has been approved by service users and the Hate Crime task group and is preparing for print as we speak!



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# Meetings with Police and Voice Groups

- The Bramingham group is working towards this by looking at 'People who help us' as some members are still wary of the presence of police.
- We have used puppets and picture activities to help familiarise with the uniforms which will be repeated for a few meetings then work towards having a PCSO join the group.

# Working with the Criminal Justice System

- We are working with the criminal justice system to raise awareness of autism and what support individuals may need.
- We are meeting with the director of public prosecutions at the end of April to discuss how we can improve things.

# Bramingham Day Centre Group

- This is a new group in Luton.
- We meet at the TOKKO Youth Centre in the town centre.
- It is for service users who have limited communication who attend the day centre therefore activity based meetings using pictures, puppets and props and some sign language.
- Currently looking at 'people who help us' as our main topic in line with hate crime and the community safety project the council are introducing soon.

# Bramingham Day Centre Group

- We have also done some work with the L&D hospital.
- The Learning Disability Lead Nurse, Tania Pettet, has agreed to facilitate visits to the hospital.
- The group have been to have coffee at the hospital and will also be familiarising themselves with the common areas that they may need to attend as a patient.

# Thank you.

- Any Questions?