

**South Gloucestershire
Autism Planning Group (APG)
Terms of Reference**

January 2010

Membership

The APG will have representation from;

- Community Care and Housing (CCH) – both staff from the Learning Difficulties and Mental Health teams
- Joint Commissioning manager for mental health
- National Autistic Society
- Children and Young Peoples Department
- Staff Development Unit (CCH)
- Senior Clinician – Learning Difficulties
- Connexions

Purpose and Outcomes

- Review and consider current guidance and policy and national and local level relating to autism
- Map local needs, resources and gaps to inform the commissioning of future services
- Improve multi-agency working with particular attention to boundary management issues
- Oversee the development of a multi-tier training framework
- Oversee the development of a clear pathway to diagnosis and assessment
- Oversee the development of a long term strategy to improve local support services for adults with autism

- Develop an action plan to deliver the strategy

Chair and Reporting Arrangements

- The APG will be chaired by the Head of Service (Learning Difficulties)
- Reporting arrangements will be via the joint Senior Officers Group of the Community Care and Housing Department and NHS South Gloucestershire

Frequency

- The APG will meet on a bi-monthly basis