

Adult Autism Strategy

A **national meeting** for senior leaders on the implementation of the adult autism strategy



17 December 2010
Central London

This free, invitation-only meeting will be your first opportunity to hear about the statutory guidance, which is being launched at this event. Expert speakers will also discuss key issues and the latest research, plus workshops will enable you to explore, showcase and share good practice.

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The Adult Autism Strategy

The Department of Health and the National Autistic Society invite you to attend a national meeting for senior leaders on the implementation of the adult autism strategy.

In line with the Autism Act (2009), before the end of December the Secretary of State for Health will publish statutory guidance setting out how health and social care bodies should support implementation of the adult autism strategy, *Fulfilling and rewarding lives*. This national meeting will be the first opportunity to hear about the statutory guidance from the Care Services Minister, Paul Burstow.

There are very clear expectations about the implementation of the strategy so it is vital that the appropriate bodies work together to identify the challenges and to plan effective ways forward. This national meeting will support you in implementing the strategy cost-effectively and successfully.

Attend to:

- hear the results of the Department of Health-commissioned project on the challenges of implementing the adult autism strategy
- find out about new resources and materials available to help you support successful implementation
- gain new perspectives on the key issues faced by LAs and PCTs
- take part in open discussions and workshops to develop tools and strategies
- hear leading professionals discuss cost-effective approaches, care pathways and implications
- hear Care Services Minister, Paul Burstow, launch the statutory guidance for the autism 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.



Key speakers will present the latest research and discuss examples of successful existing services and pathways. You will also hear from adults on the autism spectrum about their views on the strategy and what is important to them in being able to live fulfilling and rewarding lives. In addition, you will have the opportunity to take part in open discussions on the main areas of concern.

Effective planning and preparation is key to successful implementation, so attend this meeting to ensure you have the right tools and strategies at your disposal.

Attendance is free and places are limited, so register early to secure your place!

Register online at:
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Who should attend?

- Chief executives of PCTs
- Directors of adult social services
- Commissioners
- Service providers

Conference Programme

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Plenary sessions

- 09:00 **Registration and refreshments**
- 09:50 **Welcome by the chair, followed by an overview of the autism strategy implementation project**
Carol Povey
Director, Centre for Autism, The National Autistic Society
- 10:00 **My involvement in the adult autism strategy – understanding the needs of people with autism**
Anya Ustaszewski
Co-chair of the External Reference Group for the autism strategy and an adult with Asperger syndrome
- 10:15 **Keynote Presentation: the launch of the statutory guidance**
Paul Burstow, MP
Minister for Care Services
- 10:30 **Adult social services delivery and implementation of the autism strategy**
Richard Jones
President, Association of Directors of Adult Social Services (ADASS)
- 10:45 **Developments with the NICE Guidelines and key research advances**
Professor Simon Baron-Cohen
Professor of Developmental Psychopathology, Cambridge University and Director of Autism Research
- 11:05 **Questions from the floor**
- 11:15 **Morning refreshments**
- 11:40 **Feedback from the autism strategy implementation project**
Carol Povey
Director, Centre for Autism, The National Autistic Society

Workshops

Delegates can choose two workshops from the following four options:

11:55	Workshop A Personalisation Making personalisation work for adults with autism.	or	Workshop B Training and awareness of autism Improving training and awareness across health and social care.
12:35	Lunch		
13:30	Workshop C Planning and local assessment of need Identifying the needs of your local autism population and engaging meaningfully with adults with autism and parents/carers.	or	Workshop D Developing local autism teams Closing the gap between mental health and learning disability and creating diagnostic pathways.
14:10	Workshops end		

Plenary sessions

- 14:20 **Workshop feedback**
- 14:35 **Afternoon refreshments**
- 15:00 **The development of diagnostic pathways**
Dr Ian Ensum
Consultant Psychologist, Bristol Autism Spectrum Service, Avon & Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust
- 15:20 **Cost-efficient solutions to implementing the autism strategy: a service provider's perspective**
David Wolverson
Chief Executive, Dimensions
- 15:40 **My involvement and success with personal budgets**
Andrew John Ellis
An adult with Asperger syndrome
- 15:55 **Questions from the floor**
- 16:05 **Closing remarks from the chair**
- 16:15 **Conference ends**
- The NAS reserves the right to make amendments to the advertised conference programme and speakers.

For more information and to register, visit www.autismstrategy.rsvpbook.com

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Brochure code

To make a booking:

Online www.autismstrategy.rsvpbook.com **Email** conference@nas.org.uk
Tel 0115 911 3367 **Fax** 0115 911 3362
Post NAS Conference and Events Team
6th Floor, Castle Heights, 72 Maid Marian Way, Nottingham NG1 6BJ

Please choose the two workshops you would like to attend:

Workshops

- A** - Personalisation or **B** - Training and awareness of autism
 C - Planning and local assessment of need or **D** - Developing local autism teams

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.

Delegate details

Title	First name	Surname
Job title		Tel
Organisation		Fax
Email		
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Booking contact

If you are booking on behalf of someone else, please provide your contact details here.

Title	First name	Surname
Job title	Tel	
Email		

How did you hear about this conference?

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Any special requirements

e.g. Access/Dietary/Support/Other?

Terms & conditions

Event Booking

The booking includes entrance to the event and workshop sessions, lunch, refreshments, and comprehensive delegate documentation. The booking does not include delegate accommodation and travel and The National Autistic Society (NAS) is not responsible for arranging these.

Cancellations and Refunds

Delegates who wish to cancel their places must do so in writing. If notice of cancellation is not received within 21 days prior to the conference, then we regret that we will charge a £50 administration fee to cover costs incurred.

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. We regret that we will be unable to compensate delegates for any travel or accommodation costs incurred.

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