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22 What support is there in Moray at the Moment (2013) Appendix D

In Moray we have some very good support for people with autism. These services include:-

- Early Years Support for young children; **specialist teachers/ health visitors/ ADAPT**
 - Early Years EI teachers (Early Intervention) work with children, in situ, to support a variety of needs including autism. This team have recently undergone a change management restructure and are now beginning to establish themselves in settings. (Previously ██████████ supported the vast majority of services with Early Intervention).
 - Early Years L&T teachers (Learning & Teaching) work with nurseries across Moray to ensure learning is accessible to all. This team have also recently undergone a change management restructure and are now beginning to establish themselves in settings
 - During lockdown numerous childminders offered support to children with a variety of needs, including those with autism.
 - Ladybird Developmental nursery in Moray was open as a Hub for S&C children throughout the lockdown period.
 - All of our ELC services across Moray work closely to ensure that the TAC is supporting all learners and therefore meeting the needs of children with Autism. Where there is a link ASN provision e.g. at Seafield Primary/Nursery or Keith Primary/Nursery we tend to find a higher percentage of children with more complex needs that are diagnosed as Autism at a later stage.

- An enhanced education provision for pupils; **B06 (MAS) and other ASN provisions in mainstream primary and secondary locations with ASD experienced staff**

- A specialist teacher and support worker in education; **Several specialist teachers (1 x PT jobshare, 1 x teacher jobshare, 1 x Teacher 0.8, 1 x teacher 0.5) and support workers (2 x CSW's and 6 x PSA's) in education; (MAS/B06)**

- MIDAS – Moray Interagency Developmental Assessment and Support Service.
ADAPT

- Specialist children health service; **Community Paediatric Team/ CAMHS/ AHP – OT, Physio/ Speech & Language**

- Specialist accommodation and respite for children and adults; **Aberlour - Alba Place, Respite for Complex Needs including Autism**

- Specialist service providers – **NAS Moray & Nairn Branch**– currently re-developing
email: MorayandNairn@nas.org.uk
<http://nasmorayandnairn.org.uk>
The National Autistic Society (NAS) Branch for local families offering support, information and social events.

self employed providing specialist supports for children with ASD. Providing alternative curriculum to support education, social work referrals, consultancy, training. (website currently being updated)

- **Children's Disability Social Workers;** Children's disability workers – we do continue to have workers within the Area Teams who focus their work for children with a disability (although we are working now with children in need so there is not the need for diagnosis). In the East we have 2 workers who have those families split in their case load. Most families are referred for assessment of the child's need to access support through Self Directed Support. Increasingly we have children referred who have a diagnosis of Autism where there are child care concerns and this is a wide term that includes those young people who may also self-harm. This group receive support through the wider Team and would not be assessed as disabled but do have additional needs that require our support for them and also their wider family. (see directory attached)

- **Employment Development Worker;** [redacted] ? Barnardo's Work? - inclusion

- **Diagnostic and support service for adults with learning disabilities and autism;** There are not diagnostic services for adults with autism - only those with a diagnosed learning difficulty AND autism

- **Autism Alert Cards;** The Autism Alert card will help ensure those with the condition are quickly identified and supported by police and other organisations should circumstances demand.

The card includes details of a personal contact who can advise police and support organisations on the best ways to help the individual.

Copies of the application form and letter to support the application can be downloaded or printed using the link below

http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_83460.html

- **Appropriate Adult Scheme;**

- **Autism Partnership Board;** (Not aware of this still being in place)

- **Autism Awareness Training;** MAS offer Autism Awareness training across Moray to schools; parents (via ADAPT); to primary and secondary pupils. We also offer training on using the 5 Point Scale; Social Stories; Smearing; the Autism Friendly Classroom and Using Visual Supports

Early Yrs Update - Prior to CV19/lockdown we were piloting 10 training modules, "Inclusive Practice", in collaboration with Ed Psych/HV/SALT/ASN ESO and other professionals. This was to offer a robust training package for all ELC staff. The modules are all developed and ready to be delivered, when we are able to initiate training delivery.

- Autism accreditation in one school with others being supported to achieve it; Autism accreditation in 2 schools (Hythehill/Elgin Academy, and Moray Autism Service (MAS) with others being supported to achieve it;
- Local Housing Strategy 2013-18 specifically addresses Also included within 2019-2024 Strategy

In addition to these specialist services, there are many others which people with autism and their families can access. These include:-

- Carers Support; (see attached info from Quarriers)
 - Advocacy for both children and adults; Advocacy for children – Children's 1st and Who? Cares Scotland provide support for children in Moray who are looked after or supported through the Child Protection system and this includes children with a diagnosis of Autism. In the Children's Hearing system children can access advocacy support from a solicitor and Children's Hearings can request a Safe guarder, who focusses on the needs and rights of the child and family. These children are also considered looked after and can access advocacy from Who? Cares. Advocacy for children in children's services is not as accessible.
 - Making Autism Visible – support group activity for adults with autism and their families – offering social and leisure opportunities and the chance to meet with others who share experiences
- All Local Authority and National Health Services eg housing, GP's, Health Visitors, etc.

In addition:

As at Oct 20 - One stop shop Aberdeen, a third sector service for children, yp and adults with asd. Currently submitting a last-minute proposal/bid for funds for a service from the Scottish Govt which will be Pan-Grampian and virtual so would be accessible locally. TBC

Current picture - Recognition that practitioners have a range of expertise, while not Autism Specific

Specialism = navigation role/ community of support?/ sharing of experiences