

Autism Support Meeting – Minutes

Tuesday 12th February 18:00 – 19:00

What came from the last meeting?

- There is large number people in the Henley area who are effected by autism.
- There is a lack of mutual support and NHS/State support.
- We have created an area on our website with information that can be accessed by everyone.
 - This may move away from our website and become its own entity when it gets larger.
- We will need funding.
 - We need to look into funding from the Oxfordshire County council
 - Possible lottery allocation.

Future plan for this meeting/group

- Mutual support group – room to chat and coffee
 - Can be held at the surgery until there is a bigger and more adequate room available in Henley.
- Getting someone along to help with diagnosis and benefits
 - This will need funding
 - If anyone has ideas of who would be ideal for this please let the surgery know.
- Talks and educational event from experts and people who have gone through the process
 - Q&A at the end which can be made available on line
- This is all about the patients experience
 - The group can turn into whatever is needed.
- We will need a group of 6 people to get together with Dr Unwin to start organising what we can do and what we need funding for.
- It may be that we have support groups for different demographics e.g. Adults, children, high functioning people, people with learning disabilities etc.
 - And also help patients with comorbidities.
- Need to get the local schools involved
 - Go to educate some schools and talk to specialist in other.

What next?

- Group of 6 will meet up in 2 weeks to start to organise what we can do and what we need funding for with Dr Unwin.
- They will report back to the larger group via email.
- We will hold the next meeting at a venue outside of the surgery. Next date will be arranged by the smaller group.