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Thank you to the network members who attended the fourth network meeting on Wednesday 23rd March.

The theme of the meeting focused on how we can take a multiagency approach to supporting children and young people.

Contact us  
to register

## Session four newsletter – “Identifying children of concern and taking a multidisciplinary approach to early intervention”

We were delighted to be joined by Professor Amanda Kirby (CEO of Dolt Profiler) who led a 30-minute session focusing on identifying learners of concern and taking a multidisciplinary approach to intervention.

Amanda explored co-occurrence and the importance of recognising the individuality of those who are neurodivergent when providing support. To access further resources from the team at Dolt Profiler please follow the link: <https://doitprofiler.com>



### Local updates

During the meeting, we were pleased to be joined by the teams from GEMS, The Autism Group and Parenting Special Children who gave us insight into the services that they offer within the local area.

#### GEMS

GEMS is a service for children, young people and adults who are diagnosed with, or are on the pathway to diagnosis for Autism and/or ADHD. The service offers a single point of contact where you can access information, advice and support.

For more information, please contact GEMS via email:

[Gems.4health@nhs.net](mailto:Gems.4health@nhs.net)

#### The Autism Group

The Autism Group (TAG) is a Maidenhead based charity committed to supporting and enhancing the lives of young autistic people, their parents and carers. We offer social opportunities for young people who find it difficult to access mainstream clubs but are typically of mainstream ability. Alongside support for young people, we provide parent workshops, a 1:1 home visit service and informal support sessions. The Autism Group is also proud to be a service provider for GEMS, the East Berkshire Autism and ADHD Service. You can find out more information about TAG via their website:

[www.theautismgroup.org.uk](http://www.theautismgroup.org.uk)

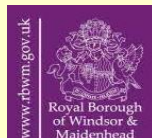
#### Parenting Special Children

The Parenting Special Children Team provide Specialist support for Berkshire families who have children and young people with special educational needs & disabilities. The services available from Parenting Special Children include:

- Pre and post assessment ADHD workshops.
- SEND and sleep workshops.
- Sensory Processing workshops.

To find out more about the service please look at their website:

[www.parentingspecialchildren.co.uk](http://www.parentingspecialchildren.co.uk)



# What our network members are saying?

## The Umbrella Project coming soon to Bracknell Forest!

We are excited to announce that the ADHD Foundation Neurodiversity Charity's Umbrella Project will be coming to Bracknell Forest this summer.

The project has been funded by Bracknell Forest Council and Frimley CCG and aims to support up to 30 education settings to have access to a **free** umbrella installation in their setting.

The Umbrella Project is a national project that celebrates the talents and abilities of the 1 in 5 people who are neurodivergent and will be taking place across the country from June 2022 – October 2022.

For education providers, you can attend a 1 hour webinar with the team from the ADHD Foundation on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April to find out how to get involved. To register for the webinar, please follow the link below:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4206619759911512332>



## What is working well with the needs led approach?

- Improved communication with parents/carers.
- The Neurodiversity Network as an example of good practice and opportunities for people to come together.
- Bespoke strategies for individual children.
- Positive working relationships in schools.

## What are the next steps going forward?

- Increased training opportunities for both professionals and parent/carers.
- Good practice in education to be celebrated and shared with wider community.
- Continued education for all around understanding the individual needs of each child/young person.
- Improved communication between professionals to share practice and reduce the need for parents/carers to repeat their “story”
- A shared recording system that allows all professionals working with the child to input relevant information – this may reduce the need for parents/carers to repeat information and support the building of a picture for professionals.

If you would like to take part in the network meetings or have suggestions for the sessions going forward, please do not hesitate to contact Emma Weaver via email: [emma.weaver@adhd.foundation.org.uk](mailto:emma.weaver@adhd.foundation.org.uk)