

Bolton Adult Asperger Support

Chairman's report for meeting of 28th September 2016

(i) Change of Charity name

The Chairman has progressed a number of issues pertaining to the renaming of the Charity.

The most important and urgent are the changes required to our website. These were due to be completed by Luxon on 19th September. The changes included some textual changes and providing a new domain to re-launch the website. BAAS now stands for BOLTON ADULT AUTISM SUPPORT and our website has been changed to www.boltonadultautismsupport.org.uk There will be further more cosmetic changes required but these will be undertaken by David Ramsbottom at a meeting with the Chairman and Vice Chair over the next few weeks. The website is still accessible from the old name so as not to lose established links for those people who already know us as Bolton Adult Asperger Support. We will be launching details of the name change in the near future.

Discussions regarding changing the details on the pop-up banners are ongoing as are discussions with Lloyds Bank with a view to a name change of the account and issue of new cheque and paying in books etc. The change of name has also been registered with the Charity Commission.

(ii) Carers trips

There were no bookings for the Trentham Gardens trip and therefore this trip was cancelled. However, this cancellation provided the opportunity for the schedule of trips to be reappraised and consequently some of the remaining trips will be re-offered at a lower price. This applies particularly to the Beamish Museum trip. A new schedule will be/has been issued.

(iii) IAG Meeting 5th September

The Chairman attended a meeting of the Independent Advisory Group (IAG) on 5th September at which the main item was a comprehensive presentation on Bolton's Troubled Families. This presentation was given by Paul Nickeas from Greater Manchester Police and Dave Hashdi from Bolton Council. The Chairman will circulate the presentation when he receives it.