

ASD SELECT COMMITTEE

Hearing 1

Thursday 10 July 2008

Witness Guide for Members

Below are suggested themes and questions. They have been provided in advance to the witnesses to allow them to prepare for the types of issues that Members will be interested to explore. All Members are welcome to ask these questions or pose additional ones to the witnesses via the Committee Chairman.

Themes and Questions

Mr Harry Macdonald, parent and carer

- Please introduce yourself.
- Please provide an account of your own experience as a parent and carer of a person with autism.
- Please outline the kind of support your family and your son in particular received/are receiving from local agencies? How did you access this support? How easy was it to access?
- Is this support adequate? If not, what type of support would you like to receive?
- How did you set about choosing a school for a child with Asperger Syndrome? In your experience, to what extent do schools meet the needs of pupils with Asperger Syndrome? In your view, to what extent do schools meet the needs of pupils at the most severe end of the autistic spectrum?
- In your view, how easy is it to find information about interventions, treatments and therapies?
- In your opinion, to what extent is local service provision in general being successful in dealing with children with autism in Kent?
- In your view, what initiatives and policies – if any - should Kent County Council adopt in order to meet the needs of people with autism?

