

Appendix 1b

A Glossary of Terms and Acronyms used in the Local Autism Action Plan Document:

- ASD – Autism Spectrum Disorder – a formal medical diagnostic term focussing on impairments
- ASC – Autism Spectrum Condition – a strength based term which includes autistic peoples cognitive strengths
- CDC – centre for Disease Control (USA)
- LGB –Local Government Benchmark; used to measure the delivery of Local Government services in Scotland
- ARCH –Autism Resources Coordination Hub
- CAMHS –Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services
- Co Morbid – two or more conditions occurring in the same person at the same time
- Micro Segmentation –the translation of UK statistics into the Scottish context
- Prevalence – the occurrence; or ratio of Autism compared to the general population
- Escapable costs – costs which can be avoided or reduced by focussed interventions, strategies and policies
- Inescapable costs - costs which cannot be avoided or reduced by interventions; for example the incidence of Autism, and Autism occurring with other conditions in the same person
- Outcomes –the improvements felt by those receiving services
- Measures – outputs which can be measured; like how many autistic people are in employment in Scotland
- Neuro typical – those who do not have any neurological challenges – the general population