

# **The 2013 Newcastle meeting on ASD Lifecourse and Ageing**



**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2013**

**Biomedical Research Building  
Campus for Ageing and Vitality**

## **Thank you for joining us for the 2013 ASD, lifecourse and ageing meeting at Newcastle University.**

The aim of the meeting is to discuss research opportunities, and strengthen collaborations, to enable the planning of research that will make a difference to the lives of adults with ASD, and their relatives.

The meeting will focus on three main topics:

- engagement and consultation with the ASD community
- research into appropriate health and social care services
- neurosciences research

People with ASD, relatives, clinicians, researchers and other stakeholders are attending. There will be some presentations, but the focus will be on small group discussions, and then sharing key information and themes, to promote broader group discussion around the topic areas. To enable this, the meeting is by invitation only; around 45 delegates are attending. Seating will be 'cabaret style' in small groups – a seating plan will be provided on the day. Lunch and coffee will be available in adjacent rooms.

We are very grateful to the meetings co sponsors: UK autism research charity Autistica, and the Mental Health Research Network (North East Hub).

In Newcastle, we hope to undertake a new and large programme of ASD, ageing and lifecourse research. We hope the discussions at the meeting will benefit all who wish to see new, high quality collaborative research undertaken in partnership with the ASD community. We are looking forward to the meeting, and to seeing you there.

Best wishes,

Dr Jeremy Parr, Professor Ann Le Couteur and Professor Helen McConachie

Newcastle University, September 2013

# Programme

**0915** Coffee available

**1000** Welcome and setting the scene: Aims of the day

Dr Jeremy Parr (Newcastle University) and Dr Simon Wallace (Autistica)

**1010** Ageing and lifecourse research in Newcastle

Professor David Burn and Professor Patrick Chinnery (Newcastle University)

**1020** Discussion group introductions on tables

**1030** What has research with adults, and research priority setting told us so far? (followed by discussion)

Dr Jeremy Parr (Newcastle University)

**1100** Engaging with and listening to the autism community about research priorities

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**1115** A parent's perspective about ASD, adulthood and ageing

Mr Michael Baron

**1130** The National Autistic Society initiatives on ASD and Ageing

Mrs Carol Povey (National Autistic Society)

**1150** Coffee

**1200** Discussion in small groups: Engagement and research priorities, followed by feedback from groups

**1300** Lunch

**1330** Identifying Good Models of Practice for Health, Social Care and Community Support

Prof Ann Le Couteur and Mrs Pam Lawrence (Newcastle University and the North East Autism Consortium)

**1400** Discussion in small groups: Health and social care research, followed by feedback from groups

**1500** Coffee

**1510** On beginning a program of research on older adults with autism: Aims, methodological issues and preliminary findings

Professor Joseph Piven (University of North Carolina)

**1530** Cognition, autism and ageing

Professor Hilde Geurts (University of Amsterdam)

**1600** Discussion in small groups, followed by feedback from groups

**1700** Future steps and collaboration in Autism, lifecourse and ageing research

Dr Jeremy Parr and Dr Simon Wallace

**1715** Close and drinks reception. Depart at 1800