

Reference Group

Terms of Reference What we will do and how we will do it:

1. What is the Surrey Autism Partnership Board Reference Group?

The Reference Group is a group of autistic adults who are committed to working together to make the lives of autistic adults in Surrey better.

2. What are the Aims of the Reference Group?

To engage autistic adults in the working of the Autism Partnership Board and implementing the Surrey All-Age Autism Strategy.

To ensure that the Autism Partnership Board hears views from a wide range of autistic adults across Surrey.

3. Who will be members of the Reference Group?

Members of the Reference Group will be autistic adults who live in Surrey who can access meetings without support.

People who want to join in should email:

Idcommunications@surreycc.gov.uk

A membership form must be completed.

Members who cannot attend should send their apologies by email.

The Co-Chairs and Engagement and Partnership Officer will review the membership at least every 2 years to ensure adequate representation.

4. Chairs

The Reference Group will be co-chaired by a representative

Group members are encouraged to contribute. When we meet virtually, this will be in the chat, or by raising a virtual hand. When we meet in person, people can raise their hand to show that they want to contribute or need something clarified. Members are also welcome to contribute in writing by emailing ldcommunications@surreycc.gov.uk

When anyone struggled to get their views across in the meeting, they will be welcome to share views with the group through email, phone, advocates, or other ways of passing messages to the board members outside the meeting.

People can bring somebody else to the meeting if that will help them to participate.

If any group member wants to discuss any of the issues after a meeting, this will be supported.

If any group members have suggestions of other ways that we could arrange the meetings to be more accessible, please contact

<u>Idcommunications@surreycc.gov.uk</u> and these will be accommodated where possible.

11. Concerns for autistic group members

Our meetings aim to discuss issues that are important for

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