

Who on earth are



(and why should I care?)



- Not for Profit, Ltd. Company -working in Bristol, South Glos, North Somerset & Swindon
- Our history: 30 years of supporting people
- Where we came from
- 850 staff
- 40 residential or nursing services
- Respite services, including day support
- 200 supported living projects
- Supporting over 700 people



- We support adults...
- With a learning disability
- With complex behavioural support needs
- With mental health needs
- Living with dementia



- Autistic spectrum disorder may impact on most (if not all) of those client groups
- Highest prevalence – people with a Learning disability
- Also – complex behaviours
- Also, people whose primary support need relates to their emotional health, but who have underlying ASD



- Specialist support: communication
- Environments which make sense
- Awareness of sensory issues
- Close working with other professionals
- In-house expertise, autism, pbs, moving and handling etc
- Person centred support



- Residential care:
- 40+ residential services
- Shared houses
- Between 4 and 13 people
- Staff available all the time
- Sleep-in or waking night
- Funded by Local Authority, Health or Self Funders (entirely self funded or those topping up state funding)
- Referrals



- Supported Living:
- Tenancy
- Individual care packages
- Between a couple of hours per week and 24/7
- Preferred option for most people
- Housing funded through housing benefit, support funded through LA or benefits



- Respite services:
- Two building based services
- Overnight support
- Booked in advance
- Funded by LA
- Day support:
- 2 services
- Range of activities





- Questions for you:
- Do our services meet your needs?
- Do our services meet the needs of the people you love?
- Working with families – how could we do this better?
- Respite needs?
- Information needs?