

Minutes of Meeting on Welfare and Work for People with ASD
18 January 2006, 4pm

Parliamentary Attendance:

Liz Blackman MP (Chair)
Anne McGuire MP
Lord Clement-Jones
Tim Loughton MP
Angela Browning MP
Jeff Ennis MP
Baroness Uddin

Apologies:

Janet Dean MP
Anne Milton MP
Peter Bottomley MP
Stephen O'Brien MP
Hywel Williams MP
Rudi Vis MP
Stephen Hesford MP
David Amess MP

Speakers:

Lorna Reith, Chief Executive, Disability Alliance: Lorna is an experienced disability benefits campaigner. The Disability Alliance publishes the Disability Rights Handbook and is regarded as the leading authority on social security benefits for disabled people.

Gill Spence, Manager, Prospects London: Prospects is an employment and training service for people with autism and Asperger syndrome wishing to work; its aim is that people with autism and Asperger syndrome should have the same training and employment opportunities as non-disabled people.

Anne McGuire MP, Minister for Disabled People: Anne McGuire has been MP for Stirling since 1997 and took over this important ministerial role after the 2005 general election, having previously been at the Scotland Office. Before her election, she was Deputy Director at the Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations.

1. Lorna Reith began speeches