

Here's What You Told Us...

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Hello, my name is Andrea Roberts and I am the Regional Link Worker for the North Wales Integrated Autism Service.

My role is to support three link workers who cover three counties, I also deliver autism awareness to various services, shops, GP's the Fire Service, Police and many more. Also, I support adults who have a diagnosis of autism and who are also waiting for a diagnosis from the IAS clinicians together with parents and carers.

The personal highlight for me was when I organised the three-county information day, there were 50 Information stands varying from colleges, employment services social groups and support services for parents and carers. Over 100 people arrived at the venue and the feedback for me and the IAS Team was overwhelming.

I have also helped to make changes to people's lives and one person hadn't experienced employment opportunities and accessing public transport, I put a support package in place by visiting the job centre with the individual and accessing a bus route to his place of work. This person is now in full time employment and travels bus routes to various locations.

Another example was when I supported a young gentleman who had an interest in floristry work I supported him to complete the volunteering application form and attended a couple of sessions with him as he was very anxious attending the volunteering group due to his anxiety, he's overcome his anxiety and is now volunteering more frequently.

Thank you.