

CHAPTER 1

National ASD
Development
Team and
ASDinfoWales



Tîm Awtistiaeth Cenedlaethol
National Autism Team

www.ASDinfoWales.co.uk

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During 2018/19, the National ASD Development Team experienced significant changes at a leadership level and also within the team.

The National Professional and Strategic Leads commenced at the beginning of the financial year in interim roles seconded into the team to consolidate the Work Plan (<https://www.asdinfoWales.co.uk/resource/ASD-NatDevTeam-Work-plan-201819-04-final-v-02.pdf>) going forward and to review the team's activities and structure in the first 6 months, as well as to re-engage with key stakeholders.

The Leads worked with Academi Wales to facilitate Team development sessions and spent time with stakeholders to ensure a greater understanding of the work of the Team and also the work of partners and stakeholders.

It was a period of consolidation. WG, WLGA and PHW agreed to extend the interim period and the further 6 months allowed the Leads to further consolidate the work of the Team and to engage more proactively with autistic adults, parents/ carers of autistic people and professionals.

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Emphasis was placed on co-production as a formally embedded approach to the work plan.

The leads endeavoured to meet with the ASD Leads across Wales “in situ” and to engage fully with the developing IAS teams. A “grand tour” of the 7 Regional Partnership Boards was undertaken in this period where the IAS’ and autism support and activity was further referenced and highlighted.

The high quality, freely available and professionally informed resources found on www.ASDinfoWales.co.uk are valued by many of our stakeholders.

The team produced a “resources leaflet” to summarise the web-site information and tools and also to provide a hard copy tool for ASD Leads and IAS teams to promote and engage with autistic people and parents/carers, where wi-fi may not be easily accessible.

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ASDinfoWales Website

www.ASDinfoWales.co.uk is managed by the National ASD Development Team. The website is kept up to date and acts as a hub for all national autism developments.

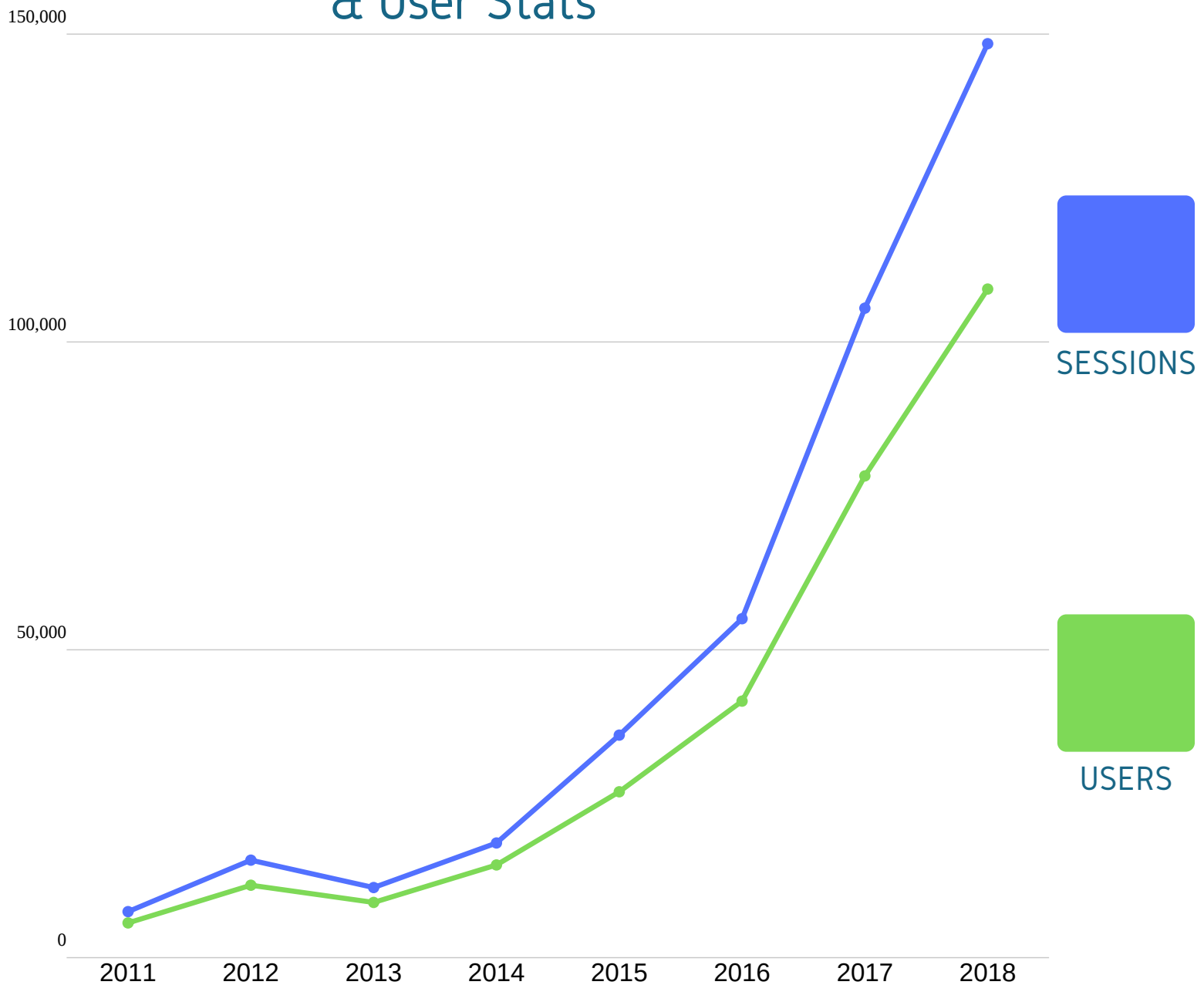
We have seen a **62% increase** in users of the website during 2018/19 compared to 2017/18. The number of page views in 2018/19 also increased to **649,301**. The website had an average number of **10,575 users per month**, which is over **3,500 more per month** compared to 2017/18.



Over 32,449 people have successfully undertaken our general ASD Aware scheme. Over 8,000 of these were during 2018/19.

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ASDinfoWales Website Sessions & User Stats



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