



# Learning Disability Partnership Board Minutes

21st September 2021 Via Zoom



## Who was at the meeting?

### Co-Chairs:

Lucy Hancock  
Frances Kelsey

### What they do:

Expert Member (SpeakEasy NOW)  
Lead Commissioner

### Expert Members:

Rachel Barrett

### What they do:

Expert Member (SpeakEasy NOW)

### Supported by:

Gail Greer

### What they do:

SpeakEasy NOW

### Family Carers:

Chris Aubon  
Chris Jordan  
Pat Marshall

### What they do:

Family Carer  
Family Carer  
Family Carer

### Supported by:

Jenny Hewitt  
Marie Dunnon

### What they do:

Worcestershire Association of Carers  
Worcestershire Association of Carers

**Other Professionals:**

Matthew Gilbert  
Catherine Quekett  
Morag Edmondson  
Korrina Campbell

Charlotte Krivosic  
Tony Mercer

Daniel Rogers  
Jill Hughes

Laura Westwood  
Tracey Crum

**What they do:**

Where Next Association  
Our Way  
Healthwatch  
Interim Day Opportunities Review  
Manager (WCC)  
SEND Manager Post 16  
Consultant in Public Health  
(WCC)  
Midland Mencap  
Team Manager Young Adults  
Team (WCC)  
Lead Commissioner (WCC)  
Herefordshire Expert by  
Experience



**People who couldn't come to the meeting**

**Name:**

Sandra Hill  
Adam Jones  
Kathryn Hankins

Caroline Kirby

Adrian Symonds

Sam Sinderberry

**What they do:**

SpeakEasy NOW  
Commissioning Manager (WCC)  
Community Services Manager,  
AMH Specialist Teams and  
Learning Disabilities in  
Worcestershire and SDU MH/LD  
Governance (HWH&CT)  
Lead Complex Needs  
Commissioner/H&W TCP Lead  
(HWCCG)  
West Mercia Police Equality &  
Diversity Advisor  
  
Expert Member (SpeakEasy  
NOW)



## Welcome, Introductions and Rules of the Meeting

Fran welcomed everybody and introductions were made. A special welcome to Tracey Crum who is Herefordshire Learning Disability Partnership Board Chair



## Minutes from the last meeting

**Item:**

**Outstanding Actions:**



Fran, Laura and Aimee to look at options about how to hold the Learning Disability Partnership Board in 2022. Some people might get together in a meeting room and some people might join the meeting via Zoom.



## Expert Members Report

**Item:**

**Report:**



Expert members have started to meet up in some face-to-face sessions. On 21<sup>st</sup> August Expert Members had a welcome back picnic in Droitwich



On 23<sup>rd</sup> August we held a 'Welcome Back' picnic event at Newland Hurst in Droitwich.

It was great to see old friends again and catch up on all our news.



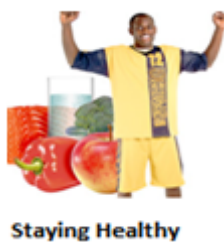
On September 7th we're holding a training event for all Expert Members who take part in one of our project groups.



We think this will help people to get back into working together as a team. After the disruption of Covid-19, it will remind us of the responsibilities we have in our role as Expert Members.

## Subgroup Highlight Reports & catch-up from other groups

### Item:



### Report:

#### Staying Healthy

- We are developing a new Learning disabilities and Autism (LDA) Health Inequalities Board that will report into the STP/Integrated Care System (ICS) board.
- The staying healthy sub group will also feed into this group. This will be an opportunity to review what is working well, any gaps in Herefordshire and Worcestershire.
- We have asked Speakeasy N.O.W to work with Herefordshire self advocacy groups to identify people with lived experience who can join us to in our work to develop and delivery our local services. We are looking at inviting colleagues from Herefordshire into our group. We have done this previously when we have had focus

groups around Covid and this has worked well, we shared good practice and ideas.

- We know that Chairs of the LDPB and the ASD partnership boards are meeting to look at how we can share ideas and information to enable us to move forward together and make improvements across both Herefordshire and Worcestershire.

### **Transforming Care Partnership - LDA admission avoidance**

Herefordshire and Worcestershire - in August 2021, there are 10 adults in locked and secure hospitals and 4 Children and Young People in CAMHS T4 beds (14 in total)

- We have discharged 1 person into the community
- We have stepped 1 person down from medium secure to locked rehab services.
- The Complex Needs Team have worked hard and avoided 9 admissions since June 2021 for both adults and Children and young people
- We have not had any admissions during this period.
- We have asked Speakeasy to develop an information leaflet to share with people at risk of admission and their families, with helpful information about organisations that may be able to offer support and help.
- We want to bring some peoples stories to life and take lessons to improve our services, and we welcome people coming forward to share their experiences.

## **Annual health checks (AHC)**

- We have been working together to make sure that everyone with a learning disability has an annual health check
- 12.1 % overall completion rate at the end of August 2021
- The proportion of 14-17 year olds with a completed AHC is 12.2%; and for 18-24 year olds, 10.2% (national priority)
- 17 (21%) GP practices have completed over 20%
- 17 (21%) GP practices have completed between 10% and 20%
- 14 practices (18%) still have not done any AHCs yet (last month it was 20)
- Number on register age 14 and over: 4069 (decrease of 1 compared to July)

We continue to work together to improve the quality of AHC



**Having a Place to Live**

## **Having a Place to Live**

No meeting has taken place since the last Partnership Board because it had to be cancelled. A highlight report will come to the November Partnership Board.



**Right Support for Carers**

## **Right Support for Carers**

### **What's gone well since last report?**

- We are pleased to announce we have a new project worker in Carer Voice. Marie Dunnion

has joined our team and is a very welcome addition to support the work we do.

### Pieces of Work

- Admission Avoidance – Worcestershire Association of carers is supporting the development of a piece of work to produce a document for families of those individuals who have learning disabilities and/or autism who may go into crisis and need information and guidance on how to avoid hospital admission.
- Having A Place to Live – we are working with Adam Jones to revisit the Housing Options Guide and update it so it can work well for families who would benefit from having information about housing.
- Worcestershire Association of Carers and carer reps are involved in a piece of work for implementing Reasonable adjustments in a pilot project being set up in the Wyre Forest.
- Carers reps are continuing their work around Annual Health Checks. Carer reps are encouraged with the increase in numbers of AHCs and are now focussed on the quality of these checks and ensuring younger people have access to good quality checks. Carers are

involved in the training about AHCs and positive communications with families.

- WAC has put on 6 bitesize sessions all about safeguarding for carers which were well received.

### **What will we have looked at by next report?**

- We are working with Local Authority colleagues to cover issues raised around Care Contributions and financial assessments
- Right support for carers is going to be arranging an event with the LA for carers to attend about Here2Help
- Future Planning – Carers feel that this is a time to start to discuss this very important topic again and it be raised as part of the LDPB and LD Strategy. This will look at transitions, the second transition but also contingency planning for all – and how to have those conversations early.
- Carer Reps will be meeting with Stephen Mason about co-production on the all-age strategy. Carers have raised concerns about the potential impact of the YAT being hosted by Children's Services.
- We are looking at how we can use the WAC website to help share information about the LDPB and the sub groups for carers and



encourage carer involvement. We will working on making sure it links well with the WCC website.

### **Problems and Risks**

- Carers of those accessing day services – resource and connect centres are sharing that they are very concerned about the proposals in the cabinet paper. These proposed changes could impact carers/families significantly and WAC will support the well-being and voice of those carers.



### **Preparing for Adulthood**

#### **What's gone well since last report?**

- The Preparing for Adulthood Stakeholder Group met using Zoom in July 2021.
- Richard Keble from the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) gave a presentation about the Learning Disabilities and Autism 3 Year Plan. This will enable more money to be spent on services to improve the health and lives of people with Learning Disabilities and/or Autism. The plan is across Worcestershire and Herefordshire and involves lots of groups working together. There will be a new support service for young people with autism aged 14+ into adulthood.

- Alice Turnbull from Herefordshire and Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust presented a project she has been working on called “Mindful of the Gap”. The aim of the project is to try to understand gaps in health services when children and young people move into adulthood.
- Stephen Mason gave an All Age Disability update. He described the work he has been leading about Education, Health and Care Plans and improving the annual reviews, starting from Year 9/age 14, when young people and their families should be supported to start thinking about their goals when they become an adult and how these can be achieved.

**What will we have looked at by next report?**

- We will have built on the “Mindful of the Gap” work through a planned “health transitions” workshop with health, education and care colleagues. This workshop will look at what we know, what needs to change and what will be better as a result.
- An Independence Hub workshop is also due to take place to start to shape this work.

## **Problems and Risks**

- Carers are concerned about some of the changes which may take place as part of the All Age Disability programme. In particular, they are worried about the proposed move of the Young Adults Team into Worcestershire Children First and potential changes to how it will be structured.

Carers have met with Stephen Mason and Sarah Wilkins to discuss their concerns. Further meetings are planned as this piece of work develops.



**Living Well**

## **Living Well**

### **What's gone well since last report?**

- The subgroup met on zoom on the 11<sup>th</sup> May and 20<sup>th</sup> July. Our Way and SpeakEasy representatives talked about the things they had been doing since the last meeting.
- SpeakEasy have had a well-attended Peoples Parliament discussion online. They have kept in touch with members through a social chat group, a cook along group, and advocacy group meetings. As well as contact phone calls.
- Our Way have continued a timetable of sessions, including zumba classes, coffee morning, ladies' group, men's group, meditation session and socially distanced walks. Starting

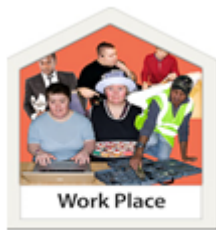
to think about how to manage face-to-face sessions.

- More people have returned to day services but some have decided not to go back.

People are beginning to get more of their usual level of support in their homes.

### **Work Options Group**

We have not had a meeting since the last Partnership Board because we have been so busy with other things. We are having a meeting soon and we will bring a report to the next group.



Work Options Group



### **Commissioning Update – Fran Kelsey**

Rebecca Wassell was going to come to the meeting today, but she had to go to another meeting so was unable to come and talk to the group. Rebecca will be invited to a future meeting.

Fran gave a presentation to the group to tell everyone what the commissioning team does and spoke about the commissioning cycle.



An important part of the Commissioning Teams work is with the different partners across Worcestershire.



We have been writing our Market Position Statement for 2021 – 2024, we are waiting for our Leadership Team to sign this off and then it will be published.



Worcestershire County Council have a Corporate Plan which is called Shaping Worcestershire's Future. This has been set up since 2017 and ends in 2022. It will be reviewed and updated after that.



One of the important things in the plan is promoting Health and Wellbeing. Fran talked to the group about how it is important to keep healthy and have a good positive well-being.



Fran told the group that there are going to be some market engagement sessions coming up to talk about the External Day Services Review and the Autism Workshop



Daniel Rogers to be invited for the External Day Services Workshop and Autism Workshop



## Herefordshire and Worcestershire Annual Health Checks – Making It Work

This agenda item is going to be moved to the November agenda because Caroline Kirby had to send her apologies.



Gail gave an update on some of the Health Checkers work. Some members from Speakeasy are going to be making a film in October to talk about their own annual health check. The video will be delivered as part of the training to GP Surgeries.



Gail to send the link for the health checkers video round to the Board.

## Any Other Business

### Item:



### Report:

Aimee told the Board that she is updating and improving the LD Webpage on the Worcestershire County Council website. Aimee is going to send the link round to the Board when the webpages are ready.



Jenny asked if a document of meeting dates for 2022 for the Learning Disability Partnership Board and Sub-Groups could be created.



Aimee to create a Learning Disability Partnership Board and Sub-Groups Meetings in 2022 document



Fran gave an update to the Board on behalf of Sandra. Sandra has been contacted by Holly Yuille who used to work for Speakeasy. Holly is doing a master's degree at Bristol University and she is starting a project called Changing Places Toilets. Holly will write a case study to find out why they are installed and what impact they have on people.



Holly would like to hear from anyone that is part of the Learning Disability Partnership Board who has experience of using Changing Places Toilets.



Fran told the Board that the Commissioning Team are going to start creating a new LD Strategy to start in 2022. Fran told the Board that there will be workshops and groups set up soon.



Fran told the Board about the Here2Help programme that the Council are running and that there is a survey people can complete.



Aimee to send the Here2Help survey round to the Board



Morag told the Board that she is working on something called Digital Access to Healthcare and how it is for people with learning disabilities when they have a GP or Hospital appointment, and it must be done over the phone. There is a survey about over the phone appointments and Morag is would really like to speak to people with learning disabilities and would like to go out to different groups.



Morag to send information to Aimee about the survey so Aimee can send it out with the minutes



### **Review and Confirmation of Actions**

- Gail to send out flyer about the workshop and the discussion paper will be available in the first or second week of October
- Jenny to send any examples of “Covid excuses” over to Gail so that she can add these to the report
- Daniel Rogers to be invited for the External Day Services Workshop and Autism Workshop
- Gail to send the link for the health checkers video round to the Board.
- Jenny asked if a document of meeting dates for 2022 for the Learning Disability Partnership Board and Sub-Groups could be created.
- Aimee to send the Here2Help survey round to the Board



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## Date of Next Meeting

**Date:**



**Details:**

16<sup>th</sup> November 2021  
10.30 am – 12.30 pm  
Via ZOOM