



Staying Healthy Update

Learning Disability Partnership Board

17th January 2023

Update by Rachel Barrett – Co-Chair

There was a face-to-face meeting of Staying Healthy on 24th November.

We talked about what needs to be included in the new terms of reference for the group and changing the time of the meetings to make it easier for people to attend.

We also discussed who we need to attend the meetings, including the Learning Disability Community Teams.

Expert Members updated on –

- People's Parliament work on Mental Health
- Health Checkers' review of dental services
- Health Checker recruitment in Herefordshire – we have appointed a Health Checkers Project Worker and Health Checkers Assistant to cover Herefordshire, who will be starting in February.

Issues that were raised at the meeting included –

- Physiotherapy - People feel there is a lack of appointment availability, even for review appointments and there is a need for more training for staff about learning disabilities.
- Epilepsy - There were some concerns that Learning Disability Nurses were picking up Epilepsy reviews.
- Carers felt that people with learning disabilities are not getting the right level of support from services and more involvement of Community Nurses is needed.

Next meeting is on Thursday 26th January.

