



Learning Disability Partnership Board Minutes

20th September 2022

Great Malvern Room/MS Teams



Who was at the meeting?

Co-Chairs:

Lucy Hancock

Frances Kelsey

What they do:

Expert Member, SpeakEasy NOW

Lead Commissioner, Worcestershire County Council

Expert Members:

Rachel Barrett

Sam Sinderberry

What they do:

Expert Member, SpeakEasy NOW

Expert Member, SpeakEasy NOW (virtual)

Supported by:

Gail Greer

Morag Edmondson

What they do:

SpeakEasy NOW

SpeakEasy NOW (virtual)

Carer Reps:

Chris Jordan

Sandra Rohan-Kickham

Helen Reading

What they do:

Carer Rep (virtual)

Carer Rep (virtual)

Carer Rep (virtual)

Supported by:

Jenny Hewitt

Nick Gayton

What they do:

Worcestershire Association of Carers (virtual)

Worcestershire Association of Carers (virtual)

Other Professionals:

Jo Wood

Pam Johnson

Laura Westwood

Adam Jones

Aimee Davis

Lesley Wood

Francesca Darby

Natalie Lackenby

Jill Hughes

Michelle Billings

Rachael Skinner

What they do:

Where Next Association (virtual)

Midland Mencap (virtual)

Lead Commissioner, Worcestershire County Council (virtual)

Commissioning Manager, Worcestershire County Council (virtual)

Commissioning Officer, Worcestershire County Council (virtual)

Commissioning & Monitoring Officer, Worcestershire County Council

Head of Learning Disability Services, Worcestershire County Council (virtual)

Area Learning Disabilities Manager South, Worcestershire County Council (virtual)

Group Manager, All Age Disability Service, Worcestershire Children First (virtual)

Worcestershire Community Learning Disabilities Service Operational Manager, Herefordshire & Worcestershire Health & Care Trust (virtual)

Deputy Chief Nursing Officer (NHS H&W ICB) (virtual)

Guests:

Sarah Wilkinson

What they do:

SpeakEasy NOW (observing)

Frazer Connector, SpeakEasy NOW (observing)

Hayley Connector, SpeakEasy NOW (observing)



People who couldn't come to the meeting

Name:

What they do:

Lynette Pearson

Area Learning Disabilities Manager North,
Worcestershire County Council

Martin Boniface

Carer Rep

Kathryn Hankins

Senior Manager, Learning Disability Services,
Herefordshire & Worcestershire Heath & Care Trust

Adrian Symonds

West Mercia Police Equality & Diversity Advisor

Charlotte Krivosic

SEND Manager Post 16, Worcestershire Children
First

Daniel Rogers

Midland Mencap

Mathew Gilbert

Where Next Association

Caroline Kirby

Lead Complex Needs Commissioner/Transforming
Care Lead, NHS Herefordshire & Worcestershire
Integrated Care Board



Welcome, Introductions and Rules of the Meeting

Lucy welcomed everybody and introductions were made. Main rules are, if joining virtually put yourself on mute when not speaking; and raise your hand when you wish to speak.



Minutes & Actions from the last meeting

Item:



Outstanding Actions:

- Lesley to circulate reports and presentations with the minutes - **actioned**
- Fran and Lucy to attend Herefordshire Learning Disability Partnership Board next week and discuss the idea of holding a joint Learning Disability Partnership Board Meeting – **Fran and Lucy attended – all agreed holding a joint meeting was a good idea – Lucy and Fran to have a catch up with Tracy who chairs Herefordshire Learning Disability Partnership Board to identify a date for 2023**
- Gail to send the Healthy Bowel top tips leaflet to Lesley for circulation with the minutes - **actioned**
- Sam to attend Mental Health Partnership Board in September - **actioned**
- Direct Payments - SpeakEasy NOW to contact Francesca regarding someone from the Direct Payment Team attending a Forum - **actioned**
- Aimee to recirculate the survey to providers and day-service providers – **actioned – 131 responses received**



N.O.W Expert Members Report

Item:

Report:



Expert Members
report for Worcesters

Rachel read out the report.



Comments/Questions:

Chris asked what the awareness training covered. Gail said the sessions were tailored to the audience. It is very powerful if people with LD deliver the training and they will know the answers to the questions.

<https://speakeasynow.org.uk/disability-awareness-training/>
- this is the link to the training on the SpeakEasy NOW website



Actions:

- Awareness Training - Lucy to feedback to the next Learning Disability Partnership Board



Highlight Reports

Item:

Report:



Having a Place to Live

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Learning Disability
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Adam read out the report



Preparing for Adulthood

No Highlight Report this time. Next meeting due to take place at end of September



Right Support for Carers

Right Support for Carers



Right Support for Carers.pdf

Jenny read out the report



Staying Healthy

Staying Healthy



SHSG.pdf

Rachel read out a report detailing changes to the Staying Healthy Subgroup.

Morag said we still need to ensure that the Health bit is fed back to the Learning Disability Partnership Board. Fran confirmed it will remain one of the key areas that needs to be covered.

Work Options Group

Chris reported that numbers at the group have been declining – they did recruit two members but they did not turn up to the meetings.

Emily Jordan Foundation are going to push on with the model as they have 7 projects ongoing – there are approx 20 people so far in some sort of paid work

Jenny said subgroups are only as strong as the members. We need to look at where volunteering fits in. Fran said the “purposeful days” theme will cover this.

General discussion around subgroups:

Fran explained that the subgroups are structured around the themes of the strategy and need to have representation from all over the county.



Work Options Group

We have a real opportunity to look at the subgroup meetings and how we want them to work and to look at the purpose of the Partnership Board and the need for it to have ownership of the particular areas.

Once we have the Strategy in place we will have some really clear aims that we can align the subgroups to. It will give us the momentum and impetus – we will be able to say what we need people to come together and take part in. It will take a couple of months to work it all out.



LD Strategy Update - Fran

Item:

Report:



Learning Disability
Strategy - LDPB update

Fran went through the slides and first draft “skeleton” version of the strategy.



Comments/Questions:

Rachael Skinner said in LeDeR (Learning from Lives and Deaths) there is a focus on preventing people from dying too early and also a focus on people who have had long lives – purposeful lives. There will be a lot that overlaps and a lot to focus on. Fran stated that the strategy will run from 2023 -2028 which will align with Herefordshire.

Rachael said it is good to have some aims which are able to be achieved quite quickly, as well as longer term ones. Fran suggested that we could have a first year plan and what we are going to focus on and have something a bit more achievable.

Chris asked if Fran was going to share what she had done so far so people could help with some of the particular points. Fran said she has a little bit more work to do and will then send it out to Learning Disability Partnership

Board as a draft. Once we get to a much more developed draft, we could look at whether it could go out to public for consultation. Chris offered to assist with the layout. Fran said it will be an online strategy mainly although we may be able to have a small number of printed copies. However, there is no budget identified or available for this currently.

Sandra said it has got the makings of a really powerful strategy. The accessibility needs to be thought about – there are lots of people who do not use IT and would prefer a paper copy – where would we put them, how many people are using them?

Morag agreed that the draft strategy would need to go out for general consultation and SpeakEasy NOW and Expert Members would like to be part of that. They would also like to be part of looking at accessibility.

Chris suggested the draft strategy also be sent to others with Learning Disabilities and providers.

Fran confirmed she will send the first draft to members of Learning Disability Partnership Board and then it will go out for further consultation.

Sandra said the use of quotes is great and people will really relate to those.

Pam said she would be happy to join a task and finish group. Fran said she will send round an email with the details later. There will be two elements: work on the content of the strategy; and the Task & Finish Group which will focus on how we get quotes etc, how we design it etc.

Laura mentioned that they are developing the Autism Strategy and some of the themes are similar. There may be some areas where we can join up and make sure we are not duplicating things and possibly pool resources.

Fran said we want to have lots of photos in the strategy so we will be looking at how we can gather those.



Actions:

People to let Fran know if they wish to be part of the Task & Finish Group



Discussion item - concerns about rise in cost of living and the impact

Item:



Comments/Questions:

Some Expert Members were concerned about the rise in the cost of living and how it will affect Care Contributions.

Sandra said it affects everybody but in particular those with learning disabilities and mobility issues. The government has capped energy costs which will help somewhat. It will be really difficult – those with limited ability will need extra heating as will elderly people. Supermarket prices have gone up. This is something that we need to keep under review.

Jenny said there are things we can be doing to give people information and support – it will get harder before it gets easier. Support around budgeting needs to be on everyone's agenda.

Fran said we are in touch with Act On Energy and when we do receive information, we send it around all our provider and partnership groups.

Jenny said we need to empower people to be able to challenge energy providers if needs be.

Laura said Mencap have produced a cost of living easy read guide:

<https://www.mencap.org.uk/sites/default/files/2022-07/Cost%20of%20living%20crisis%20ER%20v2.pdf>

Morag said we need to make sure that support provider organisations have the information and confidence to discuss these things and support people

Jenny said that the Care Contributions issue is quite complex – it would be useful for someone from the team to come to Learning Disability Partnership Board to explain about what you are being charged for and what does it look like in terms of energy etc.

Sandra asked if a person could request an early review of their Care Contribution costs. The system seems to be very much paperwork generated. Francesca said in the first instance it would be good to get someone from the Care Contributions team to attend to answer some of the questions. Social Workers don't decide how much someone contributes and wouldn't be able to answer the questions.



Actions:

- Someone from the Care Contributions Team to be invited to a future Learning Disability Partnership Board



Any Other Business

Item:



Report:

Dates for 2023

17th January

21st March

16th May

18th July

19th September

21st November

Great Malvern Room has been booked for the hybrid meetings



Actions:

- Lesley to send out the meeting invites from the Learning Disability Partnership Board calendar
- Lesley to email Sam the dates separately after November's meeting

Save the Date – Parliament workshop



PP workshop flyer
17.11.22 (1).pdf

17th November 2022 – please can everyone save the date. It will be at Perdiswell from 11.00 am – 1.00 pm



Actions:

- People's Parliament flyer to be sent to provider groups



Review and Confirmation of Actions

Item:

Report:

- Lucy and Fran to have a catch up with Tracy who chairs Herefordshire Partnership Board to identify a date for 2023 for the joint meeting
- Awareness Training - Lucy to feedback to the next LDPB
- Lesley to circulate reports and presentations with the minutes
- People to let Fran know if they wish to be part of the Task & Finish Group for the strategy

- Someone from the Care Contributions Team to be invited to a future Learning Disability Partnership Board
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Date of Next Meeting

Date:

Details:



15th November 2022

11.00 am – 1.00 pm

Great Malvern Room/MS Teams



The Meeting Room can only accommodate 20 people, please notify Lesley if you want to attend “in person” nearer the time of the meeting using the Learning Disability Partnership Board email address:

LDPB@worcestershire.gov.uk