



Learning Disability Partnership Board Minutes

18th January 2022

MS Teams



Who was at the meeting?

Co-Chairs:

Lucy Hancock

Frances Kelsey

What they do:

Expert Member (SpeakEasy NOW)

Lead Commissioner (WCC)

Expert Members:

Sam Sinderberry

What they do:

Expert Member (SpeakEasy NOW)

Supported by:

Gail Greer

Sandra Hill

What they do:

SpeakEasy NOW

SpeakEasy NOW

Family Carers:

Chris Aubon

What they do:

Family Carer

Supported by:

Marie Dunnion

What they do:

Worcestershire Association of Carers

Other Professionals: What they do:

Matthew Gilbert	Where Next Association
Catherine Quekett	Our Way
Morag Edmondson	Healthwatch
Daniel Rogers	Midland Mencap
Lesley Wood	Commissioning & Monitoring Officer (WCC)
Faith Robinson-Wain	Head of Mental Health & Learning Disability Services (WCC)
Michelle Billings	Worcestershire Community Learning Disabilities Service Operational Manager (HWH&CT)



People who couldn't come to the meeting

Name:	What they do:
Kathryn Hankins	Community Services Manager, AMH Specialist Teams and Learning Disabilities in Worcestershire and SDU MH/LD Governance (HWH&CT)
Sarah Hill	Team Manager, North Community LD Team (WCC)
Caroline Kirby	Lead Complex Needs Commissioner/ Transforming Care Lead (HWCCG)
Tony Mercer	Consultant in Public Health (WCC)
Nurinder Shergill	Group Manger, SEND (Worcestershire Children First)
Rachel Barrett	Expert Member (SpeakEasy NOW)
Chris Jordan	Family Carer
Andrew Strong	Public Health (WCC)
Kerry McCrossan	Assistant Director, Adult Social Care (WCC)

Jill Hughes	Assistant Head of MH & LD Services (WCC)
Laura Westwood	Lead Commissioner (WCC)
Jenny Hewitt	Worcestershire Association of Carers
Adrian Symonds	West Mercia Police Equality & Diversity Advisor
Adam Jones	Commissioning Manager (WCC)
Martin Gallagher	Healthwatch
Charlotte Krivosic	SEND Manager Post 16 (WCF)



Welcome, Introductions and Rules of the Meeting

Lucy welcomed everybody and introductions were made. Lucy asked that if you are not speaking, please turn off your microphone. If you wish to speak, either raise your hand or use the yellow hand emoji.



Minutes from the last meeting

Item:



Outstanding Actions:

- Outstanding from September - Jenny to send examples of "Covid excuses" to Gail so that she can add these to the report – Marie fed back that there were no specific examples but carers did say that waiting times had been extended; there was a shortage around social care staffing, WAC have secured some COVID grant monies and will share more information about impact on carers at a future meeting – **action closed**
- Outstanding from September - Jenny asked if a document of meeting dates for 2022 for the Learning Disability

Partnership Board and Subgroups could be created – there is an existing spreadsheet - Subgroup leads to submit meeting dates so the spreadsheet can be updated.

- Outstanding from September - Aimee to send the Here2Help survey round to the Board – **action closed**
- Outstanding from September - Morag to send information to Aimee about the survey so Aimee can send it out with the minutes – **action closed**
- SpeakEasy NOW reports to be recirculated with the minutes – **action closed**
- Highlight Reports to be recirculated with the minutes – **action closed**
- Gemma and Fran to explore linking in with Museum team – Fran met with Gemma and SpeakEasy NOW have also made contact but have not heard back – Fran to chase
- Here2Help – Fran to discuss with Hannah Perrott about how Here2Help could link in with community support needs – **action closed**
- LD Social Work Named Worker update - PowerPoint to be circulated with the minutes – **action closed**
- New highlight report template to be circulated with the minutes – **action closed**
- Hybrid meetings – to look at this option for January's Partnership Board - **action closed**
- Future dates – Fran and Lesley to identify future dates - **action closed**



N.O.W Expert Members Report

Item:



Expert Members
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Report:

Sam read through the report



Questions/discussions:

Fran said it was good news regarding the response from the MPs and it would be good to hear back from the Department of Health. The new budget is being consulted on and will be decided in February.



Quiet HourWomen's
Hour Posters.pdf

Fran discussed Vaccine Clinics. Some special timeslots have been arranged – “Quiet Hour” - for people who would prefer to get their COVID-19 vaccine in a more relaxed setting and “Women’s Hour” - for women who would prefer to get their COVID-19 vaccine in a safe and secure environment with only other women present and female staff on site.

Sandra said the contract with the CCG means a Health Checkers Team can be set up in Herefordshire and they will be able to attend the Staying Healthy Subgroup.



Actions:

- Expert Members Report to be circulated with the minutes

Subgroup Highlight Reports & catch-up from other groups

Item:

Report:



Staying Healthy

Staying Healthy (information from Complex Needs Team)

In December 2021, there were 10 adults in locked and secure hospitals and 4 Children and Young People in CAMHS T4 beds (14 in total)

- 2 people have been discharged into the community
- 1 person has stepped-down from a Tier 4 bed to open rehabilitation services.
- There have been 2 admissions during this period.
- 4 admissions have been avoided



Having a Place to Live

Having a Place to Live - Sam



Having a Place to Live.pdf

Sam read Adam's report. Sam asked if some of the words can be changed as they are difficult to read out.



Right Support for Carers

Right Support for Carers – Chris Aubon



Right Support for Carers.pdf

Chris read Jenny's report.

Sam asked about Direct Payments – he said Penderels have a recorded message saying all people in Worcestershire need to contact Barrie Bookkeeping. Sam said he has some payments with Penderels and some with Barrie Bookkeeping and wants it all in the same place as it is confusing and his new member of staff hasn't been paid.

Fran explained that every few years, the Council need to see if there are other providers that can provide the service. Barrie Bookkeeping now have the contract. It would make sense for it all to be together. Fran said Sam's allocated worker can help him to sort out the issues and she will liaise with Sarah Rothwell, Commissioning Manager and Caryl Rees, Social Work Lead for Direct Payments.

Sam said the letters that went out were confusing and not easy to understand. Marie said it is something that can be picked up at the Right Support for Carers meeting.

Marie said WAC are keen to keep carers' voices involved and keep up to date with training regarding the all-age disability programme.

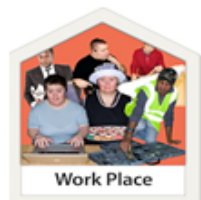
Fran said there is a new Transport Policy for adult social care transport. The Policy is due to go to Cabinet on 3rd February. The group met with carers, social workers and expert members and had some really good feedback which has been included in the Policy. The Council will be launching a new section of the website at the end of February for transport.



Living Well

Living Well – Catherine Quekett

Next meeting is early March.



Work Options Group

Work Options Group

Mathew said they were unable to meet this week due to clashes. Next subgroup meeting is 15th February 2022.



Preparing for Adulthood – Fran Kelsey



Preparing for Adulthood.pdf

Fran read her report.

Link to Choices Magazine -

https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/careersportal/downloads/file/575/choices_send_life_beyond_school

Marie asked if Preparing for Adulthood meetings are the same as the regional network meetings – Fran explained that this subgroup is for Worcestershire but people do tap into the regional meetings as well.



Happy Poo, Happy You

Healthy Bowel Event – Liz Staples

Item:

Report:

- Priority Action Group started in April 2021 and are working with lots of organisations – SpeakEasy NOW, WAC, Worcestershire County Council and Herefordshire & Worcestershire Health & Care Trust.
- The aim of the group is to raise awareness about the importance of good bowel health and stopping constipation and blockages in the bowel.
- Have learnt that a lot of bowel conditions can be prevented with good bowel health and taking care of ourselves.
- People with LD can sometimes need help with the screening and to raise concerns about changes to bowel health.
- Discussions around healthy bowels are being raised in all meetings and forums.
- Badges have been co-designed by the Group – says “Happy Poo, Happy You” and have a big poo emoji on them. Badges have been given out to each organisation involved with the group. If people want a badge, Liz can send them out.
- A prompt sheet has been produced about bowel habits and changes and general health questions. Prompt sheet will be uploaded to the CCG website alongside the Annual Health Check info.
- In Herefordshire, the community team are looking at people aged 60 and over who should have received an invite for bowel screening.
- In Worcestershire, community teams now have flag on the system to let them know when people are getting to 59 so they can discuss the bowel screening.
- If you do recognise changes in bowel habits, have pain or blood etc., you can be asked for a FIT (Fecal Immuno Chemical) Test which is the bowel screening test you can get before you are 60.

Healthy Bowel Event – 8th March 2022 – 10 am – 2 pm

- Liz and Jenny Hewitt are introducing the event and Imogen Mortiboys from LeDeR Team will be there. The clinical team will be doing a presentation called “All About Poo”.
- Perdiswell has been booked - the event will also be set up virtually as we don't know what the COVID restrictions will be.
- A flyer is being drawn up and will be circulated.



Questions/discussion:

Fran said one of the slots will be for providers and Fran and Aimee Davis will discuss why this subject is important for providers. Fran asked Mathew and Dan if they would like to give some input and they both agreed to help.

Gail said she is very mindful that for many people with LD, accessing an online event is not an option for them and would like to spread the word via a peer group event and Expert Members would like to be involved in this.

Liz said the peer group event is a very good idea to help spread the word as far as possible. Liz asked if a compromise could be to share a video at the event and then have a peer event. Gail said if an announcement is made next week about lifting COVID restrictions, Expert Members could attend in person. Gail said with a diverse audience, it is difficult for people with LD to engage – people with LD can be quite inhibited.

Liz and Imogen are meeting this week to discuss this further and find a way to hold the event that doesn't leave anyone out.

Michelle said it is a perfect opportunity to raise awareness and also to learn from the event. Another event can always be held later in the year to improve on the things we might not get right this time.

Actions:

- Liz and Gail to meet to discuss Healthy Bowel Event further.





Any Other Business

Item:



Report:

Supported Employment Stakeholder Survey

Daniel asked about the Supported Employment Stakeholder Survey that had been sent around.

Fran explained that a piece of work has been commissioned by Public Health via an organisation called Tonic. They are going to look at what already exists and what works. They will also look at what good practice there is in other parts of the country and will come up with a set of recommendations. The work covers employment support for a number of groups, including people with poor mental health, people living with or recovering from drug or alcohol misuse and people with Autistic Spectrum Conditions, as well as people with Learning Disabilities.



Any Other Business

Item:



Report:

Vaccination requirement for 1st April

Daniel said one of the biggest challenges is staffing and the vaccination challenges – it is a very contentious point.

Fran said it is now law that people working in frontline social care and health must have had 2 vaccinations from 1st April 2022. For care settings it is those registered with the Care Quality Commission (CQC). This is adding to the staffing pressures we are already seeing. People won't be able to do

those jobs from 1st April if they have not had those vaccinations.

Catherine asked about the government guidance regarding isolation as there has been some confusion regarding isolation periods and negative LFTs. Fran said a flowchart is being developed and she will check on its progress with colleagues.

Review and Confirmation of Actions

Item:



Report:

- Subgroup leads to submit dates of subgroups so the spreadsheet can be updated
- Links with Museum Teams – Fran to chase
- Lesley to circulate Expert Members Report with the minutes
- Adam to review Having a Place to Live Highlight Report to check wording
- Lesley to circulate Highlight Reports with the minutes
- Direct Payments – Fran to liaise with Sarah Rothwell, Commissioning Manager and Caryl Rees, Social Worker
- Healthy Bowel Event – Liz and Gail to meet to discuss further
- COVID isolation periods – Fran to check this out with colleagues

Date of Next Meeting

Date:



Details:

15th March 2022

11.00 am – 1.00 pm



Great Malvern Room/MS Teams

Hybrid meetings need to be via MS Teams as the meeting rooms only use MS Teams

Please notify Lesley if you want to attend “in person” nearer the time of the meeting using the LDPB email address:

LDPB@worcestershire.gov.uk

All future meeting invites have been resent from the LDPB email address – apologies for any confusion