



Learning Disability Partnership Board Minutes

15th March 2022

Great Malvern Room/MS Teams



Who was at the meeting?

Co-Chairs:

Lucy Hancock

Frances Kelsey

What they do:

Expert Member (SpeakEasy NOW) (virtual)

Lead Commissioner (in person)

Expert Members:

Rachel Barrett

Sam Sinderberry

What they do:

Expert Member (SpeakEasy NOW) (in person)

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Supported by:

Gail Greer

Sandra Hill

What they do:

SpeakEasy NOW (in person)

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Family Carers:

Chris Jordan

What they do:

Family Carer (virtual)

Supported by:

Jenny Hewitt

Marie Dunnion

What they do:

Worcestershire Association of Carers (virtual)

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Other Professionals: What they do:

Jo Wood	Where Next Association (virtual)
Catherine Quekett	Our Way (virtual)
Morag Edmondson	Healthwatch (in person)
Martin Gallagher	Healthwatch (virtual)
Laura Westwood	Lead Commissioner (WCC) (virtual)
Adam Jones	Commissioning Manager (WCC) (virtual)
Amanda Blackton	Commissioning Manager (WCC) (virtual)
Lesley Wood	Commissioning & Monitoring Officer (WCC) (in person)
Natalie Lackenby	Team Manager, South Community LD Team (WCC) (virtual)
Caroline Kirby	Lead Complex Needs Commissioner/H&W Transforming Care Programme Lead (HWCCG) (virtual)



People who couldn't come to the meeting

Name:	What they do:
Michelle Billings	Worcestershire Community Learning Disabilities Service Operational Manager (HWH&CT)
Kathryn Hankins	Community Services Manager, AMH Specialist Teams and Learning Disabilities in Worcestershire and SDU MH/LD Governance (HWH&CT)
Chris Aubon	Family Carer
Aimee Davis	Commissioning Officer (WCC)
Kerry McCrossan	Assistant Director, Adult Social Care (WCC)
Faith Robinson-Wain	Head of Mental Health & LD Services (WCC)
Charlotte Krivosic	SEND Manager Post 16 (WCF)

Mathew Gilbert	Where Next Association
Rachael Skinner	Associate Director of Nursing and Quality (HWCCG)
Andrew Strong	Public Health (WCC)
Sarah Hill	Team Manager, North Community LD Team (WCC)
Daniel Rogers	Midland Mencap
Adrian Symonds	West Mercia Police Equality & Diversity Advisor
Jill Hughes	Assistant Head of Mental Health & LD Services (WCC)



Welcome, Introductions and Rules of the Meeting

Lucy welcomed everybody. Main rules are to 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:

- Subgroup Leads to submit dates of subgroups so the spreadsheet can be updated – dates to be submitted for rest of year – Lesley to email Leads to request dates
- Links with Museum Teams – Fran to chase - Sandra will follow this up
- Lesley to circulate Expert Members Report with the minutes – **action closed**
- Adam to review Having a Place to Live Highlight Report to check wording and ensure it is in Easy Read – **action closed**

- Lesley to circulate Highlight Reports with the minutes – **action closed**
- Direct Payments – Fran to liaise with Sarah Rothwell, Commissioning Manager and Caryl Rees, Social Worker – Fran to double check action
- Healthy Bowel Event – Liz and Gail to meet to discuss further – face-to-face event to be held in June - **action closed**
- COVID isolation periods – Fran to check this out with colleagues – information circulated - **action closed**

Expert Members Report

Item:



Report:



2022-03-15 - Expert Members report.pdf

Rachel and Sam read out the report

Questions/feedback:

Fran suggested we invite Herefordshire colleagues to the next Partnership Board – would be good to make the links

Jenny said it is really important to keep the connections with Herefordshire colleagues

Sandra said from April, Health Checkers will be taking on more work from Herefordshire

Actions:

- Fran and Lesley to invite a Herefordshire colleague to the next Partnership Board
- Lesley to circulate Expert Members Report with the minutes

Highlight Reports

Item:



Having a Place to Live

Report:

Having a Place to Live - Adam



2022-03-15 - HAPTL
Highlight Report.pdf

Adam read out the report.

Lucy said a lot of members are very concerned and do not understand why the cost of living is going up and are worried that they are not going to have enough money to pay bills. Adam said he has asked housing providers for clarity.

Jenny said a representative from the Care Contributions Team has attended one of their sessions and they are working closely with them.



Living Well

Living Well - Catherine

Our Way have decided to opt out of facilitating the Living Well subgroup. We had no further meetings planned.

Fran said that the future for the Living Well aim and subgroup can be discussed as part of the discussion on the new LD strategy.



Preparing for Adulthood - Fran

- Going to be looking at the Terms of Reference for the Stakeholder Group to ensure it is effective moving forward
- Will meet 3 times a year – once every school term
- Thinking about having a split meeting – first part would include Experts by Experience and the second part would include professionals – need to work out how best to do this
- SpeakEasy are linking in with Chadsgrove School and Heart of Worcestershire College



Right Support for Carers – Jenny



2022-03-15 - Right Support for Carers Hi

Jenny read out the report.



Admission Avoidance - Caroline



2022-03-15 - Admission Avoidance

Caroline explained there haven't been any Staying Healthy Subgroup Meetings for a few months so there isn't a report. Caroline has provided an admission avoidance update instead.

Caroline read out the report.

Fran asked if the Five-Eyes Action Plan information was going to be pulled together at a national level? Caroline said once all the reviews have been heard, the information will be submitted to NHSE/I. Caroline said they are also looking at their quality assurance model so it aligns. There is a slight cross over with the Five-Eyes Review and C(E)TR questions – it has been suggested that the documentation is reviewed.

Morag asked if the information would be shared once it has been submitted. Caroline said the information will feed up to the new Health Programme Boards and will also be shared with Partnership Board.

Work Options Group – Chris J



2022-03-15 - Work Options Group Highli

Chris read out the report.

LD Strategy 2023 – 2025 - Fran

Item:



Report:



2022-03-15 -
Learning Disability Str

Fran went through her presentation. Current strategy runs to December 2022.

Suggested new priorities:

Being Healthy and Safe

Combine being healthy and being safe? Should they be separate priorities? How do we link in with health-led programmes – Tackling Health Inequalities? Do not currently have a subgroup for Staying Safe

Jenny said there is potential for Staying Safe to remain separate – it is cross-cutting across all the groups - could there be an action plan for the individual subgroups to feed back to?

Caroline said there would be some relevance to keeping it separate as some of the Health Inequalities work links to people's health and safety. It would also be an opportunity to review the Staying Healthy Subgroup.

Fran said there is quite a lot that can be worked through. There are going to be a couple of things that cut across all the groups and we need to get the balance right.

Inclusive Communities

Celebrating Learning Disabilities – improving people's understanding. Citizenship and being part of the community. How does this link to Positive Days and Place to Live?

A Place to Live

Independent living. Housing – quality and availability. How does this link to Inclusive Communities priority?

Positive Days

Employment, daytime activities, living well

Links to new day services strategy. How does this link to Inclusive Communities priority? Also, about friendships and relationships. About employment, volunteering and other daytime activities

Do we want to keep employment separate or have a broader group?

Jenny asked if there was anyone willing to help with the living well subgroup – membership is really important.

Chris said there is a crossover to a degree with work options and living well – Chris will take to the next subgroup to ask members what they think.

Life Changes

Transitions into adulthood. Transitions into later life

Life transitions. Growing older with a learning disability. Preparing for adulthood. Family carers – preparing for the future.

Would be good to have a focused area on the older life transition.

Carers

Right support for carers. Links to life changes priority.

Will be having discussions with carers and linking in with Carers Strategy.

Strategy Engagement – how and who?

There will be engagement with the subgroups.

Would want to engage with the self-advocacy groups

There is a specific email address for the LD Strategy - LDStrategy@worcestershire.gov.uk

There is also a specific webpage for Learning Disabilities and for Learning Disability Partnership Board

[Learning Disabilities | Worcestershire County Council](#)

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Questions/feedback:

Jenny wondered whether some sessions could be held during Learning Disability Week (week commencing 20th June). Fran said it would be good to have an easy read survey that could be sent out and then be able to launch the consultation during Learning Disability Week.



Actions:

- Lesley to circulate presentation with the minutes

Positive Days Model and Recommissioning of Day Services – Amanda Blackton

Item:



Report:



2022-03-15 -
Positive Days Model a

Amanda went through her presentation

Questions/feedback:

Jenny said it was a comprehensive action plan and is pleased that WAC will be able to support the work.



Actions:

- Lesley to circulate presentation with the minutes

Digital Access to Healthcare Report - Morag

Item:



Report:



2022-03-15 - Easy
Read Summary - Digit

Morag went through the report

Questions/feedback:

Jenny said it would be interesting to see what the findings are



Actions:

➤ Lesley to circulate presentation with the minutes

Any Other Business

Item:



Report:

Provider Concerns – Natalie

Meeting is being arranged with Health to look at ways in which we can support providers. Natalie asked members if the concerns were around calls and support not being provided or around the quality of care.

Jenny said it is still an active concern for carers and the concerns are across the board. There are a lot of general themes coming through – Jenny will feed these back to Natalie.

Natalie said some of the concerns are about consistency – not just at a carer level but also at a management level.

Sam said support during Covid, you either accepted that time or didn't have any support.

Gail said Expert Members wanted to work with providers to find a resolution that worked for both of them, they felt it was either this time or nothing, and it seemed that everything was being put down to Covid.

Sandra said people have lost faith in the providers and agencies and are finding their own people to come and

support them – but it is difficult to find someone to come and do those hours.

Natalie said there is a real challenge in finding staff to come into the care service.



2022-03-11 - (LAW)
Worcestershire Count

Potential Rainbow Pedestrian Crossing in Worcester



Actions

- If members of Partnership Board wish to give any feedback about the rainbow pedestrian crossing, please contact Bradley Knight, Project Officer - BKnight@worcestershire.gov.uk

Review and Confirmation of Actions

Item:

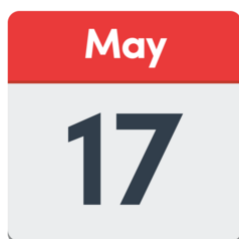


Report:

- Lesley to email Leads to request subgroup dates – email sent on 15/03/2022 requesting the information
- Action from January - Direct Payments – Fran to liaise with Sarah Rothwell, Commissioning Manager and Caryl Rees, Social Worker – Fran to double check the action
- Fran and Lesley to invite a Herefordshire colleague to the next Partnership Board
- Lesley to circulate Expert Members Report; Highlight Reports; LD Strategy Presentation; Positive Days Model and Recommissioning of Day Services presentation and Digital Access to Healthcare Report with the minutes

Date of Next Meeting

Date:



Details:

17th May 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 LDPB email address:

LDPB@worcestershire.gov.uk