

Worcestershire Autism Partnership Board Meeting

Tuesday, 9th August 2022 10.00 am – 11.30 am

People Present:

Name	Organisation/Job Title
Laura Westwood	Co-Chair, Lead Commissioner, Worcestershire County Council
Bernadette Louise	Co-Chair, Expert by Experience
Lesley Wood	Commissioning & Monitoring Officer, Worcestershire County Council
Louise McEvoy	Advanced Public Health Practitioner, Worcestershire County Council
Susan Pritchard	Advanced Public Health Practitioner, Worcestershire County Council
Melanie Barnett	Director All Age Disability Service, Worcestershire Children First
Julia Micklewright	Aspie
Catherine Quekett	Ourway Self-Advocacy
Hilary McGlynn	Autism West Midlands
Bridget Nisbet	Your Ideas
Michelle Griffin	Learning Disability Nurse, Herefordshire & Worcestershire Health & Care Trust
Martin Gallagher	Healthwatch
Sue Onions	Carer
Jill Hughes	Group Manager All Age Disability Service, Worcestershire Children First
Linda Ebutt	NAS volunteer


Apologies:


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Emma Allen	Commissioning Officer, Worcestershire County Council
Sarah Glover	Social Worker, Learning Disabilities Team North, Worcestershire County Council
Adrian Symonds	Equality and Diversity Advisor, West Mercia Police
Laky Sahota	Resources for Autism

Stephen Fessey	Joint Team Lead, Autism CCN Team, Worcestershire Children First
Stephen Mason	Head of Service All Age Disability, Worcestershire Children First
Ruth Whalton	Sky Autism
Rachel Johnson	The Family Psychologist
Phil Ray	Exploitation Development Officer, West Mercia Police and Worcestershire County Council
Simon Adams	Healthwatch
Richard Keble	Programme Lead for Learning Disability and Autism, NHS Herefordshire & Worcestershire ICB
Natalie Langdown	Clinical Service Manager, Umbrella Pathway Herefordshire & Worcestershire Health & Care Trust
Paul Kinsella	Public Health Prevent Lead, Chair of Channel Panel, Worcestershire County Council
Nikki Breakwell	Operational Manager, Worcestershire County Council
Faith Robinson-Wain	Head of Mental Health Services, Worcestershire County Council
Jenny Dalloway	Programme Director, NHS Herefordshire & Worcestershire ICB
Denise Baker	Social Worker, Learning Disabilities Team North, Worcestershire County Council
Jenny Hewitt	Worcestershire Association of Carers

Tuesday, 9th August 2022 Notes and Actions

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1	Welcome and Introductions: Bernie welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made
2	<p>Actions from the previous meeting:</p> <p>ACTION: Adult Autism Support Service - Hilary to attend the next Autism Partnership Board Meeting to give more information on the above service and link into the social work teams to update the teams on the new service – on Agenda</p> <p>ACTION: Post Diagnostic Support Pilot for 14-18 year olds - Richard Keble to speak to a CCG colleague about providing a statement on where social care can direct people back to who are enquiring about these services – carry over to next meeting</p> <p>ACTION: Autism Strategy update - Group to feedback ideas on how best to engage with autistic people – please feedback ideas to AutismGroups@worcestershire.gov.uk – carry over to next meeting</p>

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3	<p data-bbox="271 209 1151 240">Suicide Prevention - Louise McEvoy, Sue Pritchard, Public Health</p> <div data-bbox="349 252 405 316" style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p data-bbox="297 320 461 373">PH Autism Board 09.08.22.pptx</p> <p data-bbox="271 395 902 427">Louise and Sue went through their presentation.</p> <p data-bbox="271 485 916 517">ACTION: Slides to be shared with the minutes</p> <p data-bbox="271 571 568 603">Questions/Comments:</p> <p data-bbox="271 619 1458 651">Q: Are there any accurate figures (in relation to suicide) for those on the Autistic Spectrum?</p> <p data-bbox="271 660 1503 692">A: Not at the moment – still negotiating with the Coroner about what can and can't be collected</p> <p data-bbox="271 750 1727 782">Q: Can we make sure we consider all the people who don't get a formal diagnosis and are not receiving support</p> <p data-bbox="271 791 2051 866">A: Whatever the Coroner releases in terms of data, if the family wanted to provide some additional data, it could be inputted afterwards to give us a bigger picture. Public Health looking to set up a group to look at the real-time information</p> <p data-bbox="271 924 1951 991">ACTION: Sue P to draft an email to go round to APB Members asking for people to attend the group and to feedback any information</p> <p data-bbox="271 1048 1984 1123">Q: Lockdown had an enormous effect on everyone, especially those with Autism, and the figures state that people with Autism are 9 times more like to commit suicide – are there any figures regarding the number of deaths during lockdown?</p> <p data-bbox="271 1133 2024 1208">A: A new data set is due in September which may include numbers from 2020 and 2019. From the other real time data sets, it doesn't show a rise in suicide.</p> <p data-bbox="271 1265 1895 1297">Q: There is clearly a link between the number of people self-harming and the links to suicide. Are there links to peer support?</p> <p data-bbox="271 1307 2047 1374">A: Not sure at this stage – part of the project is to bring in agencies to provide that support and that is one of the actions in the Action Plan. There are some voluntary groups that have been set up to provide peer support. There are national programmes in schools and for</p>

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	<p>those not attending schools. Trying to source support for the parents as well as the children. It is something we are looking at but it is not in place at the moment.</p> <p>C: A large population of autistic children are out of school and have no ECHP, for autistic children there are no right strategies and lack of services – it is reassuring to know that Public Health are sourcing support for parents. The real time information will be good to look at the near misses and where the support came from.</p> <p>Q: There is nothing in the vulnerable groups about LGBTQ group and lots of people on the spectrum are part of that group. A: LGBTQ will be included as one of the groups but wasn't picked up in the Task & Finish Group. It will be included in the strategy going forward.</p> <p>Q: Is the funding available yet? A: Not yet – can provide an update when it is available which will be towards the end of the year.</p>
4	<p>Autism Support Service – Hilary McGlynn, Autism West Midlands</p> <p> AWM Presentation APBs.pptx</p> <p>Hilary went through her presentation.</p> <p>ACTION: Slides to be shared with the minutes</p> <p>Questions/Comments: Q: How do we get in touch and where are you? A: It is a soft launch at the moment and not widely advertised. There is an email contact on the website. Any queries, drop Hilary an email.</p> <p>Q: We haven't seen the spec, there was engagement and we as a Partnership Board said what we wanted. It would be a good idea for the spec to be shared by the Commissioner. Support seems to be focussed around understanding your diagnosis.</p>

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	<p>A: It is all encompassing – will be signposting to other services – in the first year, it will be around diagnosis and what it means to the person.</p> <p>ACTION: Can the spec for the service be shared with the Board – Richard Keble</p> <p>Q: How do I access services that should be open to me? A: We will help with this, the referral form can be completed or a call can be made.</p> <p>Q: It is very disappointing that support is online – people want face to face A: There is a need for online support and there are some people who are never going to cope with face-to-face or need online support as a bridge to face-to-face. It is not always going to be online. The team are locally based and will be delivering services on the ground. Bringing people together online will be the most practical way to start with.</p> <p>Q: Pleased to know that more practical advice is being offered A: There is a tick-list on the referral form – there is a great need for autistic adults to have that support. Not just about practical support, both go hand in hand</p> <p>Q: One of the exclusion criterion is those with EHCPs. We need to make sure that those with EHCPs can access the service. A: We are going to be as flexible as we can and look at on an individual basis. The tricky one will be Social Care – have had a chat with the team that are diagnosing people with LD And ASD. Happy to flag up things as they arise.</p> <p>Mel feedback that they have started some work on annual reviews and is meeting with health colleagues and commissioners and looking at systems to ensure that they get social care advice. Have started reviewing the EOTAS (education other than at school) packages and have started to draft the practice guidance. These areas will be picked up as part of the children and young people workstream. Mel will be happy to feedback to the group.</p>
5	<p>Autism Strategy Update – Laura Westwood, Lead Commissioner</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fine-tuned what needs to be done for each priority and identified leads • Set up project group with Herefordshire • Priority 1 - NAS have said they will lead in Herefordshire – Laura to ask if they will lead across the ICB • Priority 2 – Mel (Worcestershire) Les Knight (Herefordshire) • Priority 3 – haven't identified a Worcestershire lead – Laura will escalate this • Priority 4 – Richard Keble will lead across H&W

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority 5 – Laura will lead across H&W • Priority 6 – West Mercia Police will lead across H&W • Each Workstream lead will be setting up a series for meetings or workstreams <p>Bernie raised that Herefordshire are keen to pursue a Priority 7 – Keeping Safe. Laura said there has been a discussion about this and Herefordshire have been asked to scope it out to ensure there is no duplication with some of the other priorities.</p> <p>Timeline:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workstream leads confirmed (Jul-Aug 2022) • Project Group set up and active (Jul-Aug 2022) • Workstream leads to take forward initial baseline work (Aug-Oct 2022) • Engagement (Nov-Dec 2022) • Workstream leads identify the story behind the data, current trends/gaps and priorities (Dec-Jan 2023) • Strategy developed (Feb-Mar 2023) • Sign off process
6	<p>AOB</p> <p>Update on Autism Training for Businesses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is now live • Take up has not been fast so far – all employers engaging with supported employment service have accessed it • Will take a view in September to see if we can widen the circulation • Bernie asked if other social housing providers could be contacted • Flyer to be shared <p>Meeting to discuss ‘Developing a specification for the H&W Adult Diagnostic Service’</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting set up for 13th September – people have been invited • Flyer to be shared with minutes
8	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>Provisionally booked for 11th October 2022 – 10.00 am – 11.30 am – invite to be sent out</p>