



## Learning Disability Partnership Board Minutes

16<sup>th</sup> May 2023

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:**

Sam Sinderberry

#### **What they do:**

Expert Member, SpeakEasy NOW

#### **Supported by:**

Morag Edmondson

Gail Greer

#### **What they do:**

SpeakEasy NOW

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#### **Carer Reps:**

Chris Jordan

Sandra Rohan-Kickham

Barbara Pugh

#### **What they do:**

Carer Rep

Carer Rep

Carer Rep

<b>Other Professionals:</b>	<b>What they do:</b>
Mathew Gilbert	Where Next Association
Cat Bennett	Our Way
Pam Johnson	Midland Mencap
Laura Westwood	Lead Commissioner, Worcestershire County Council
Lesley Wood	Market Management Officer, Worcestershire County Council
Adam Jones	Commissioning Manager, Worcestershire County Council
Aimee Davis	Commissioning Officer, Worcestershire County Council
Francesca Darby	Head of Learning Disability Services, Worcestershire County Council
Elaine Chape	Care Contribution Assessment Team, Worcestershire County Council
Rachael Skinner	Deputy Chief Nursing Officer, NHS Herefordshire & Worcestershire Integrated Care Board



### **People who couldn't come to the meeting**

<b>Name:</b>	<b>What they do:</b>
Rachel Barrett	Expert Member, SpeakEasy NOW
Kathryn Hankins	Service Manager for Learning Disabilities, Herefordshire & Worcestershire Health & Care Trust
Martin Boniface	Carer Rep
Cassie Judd	Worcestershire Association of Carers
Kate Webb	Worcestershire Association of Carers

Daniel Rogers	Midland Mencap
Simon Adams	Healthwatch
Kerry McCrossan	Assistant Director, Adult Social Care, Worcestershire County Council
Natalie Lackenby	Area Learning Disabilities Manager South, Worcestershire County Council
Martin Gallagher	Healthwatch



## Welcome, Introductions and Rules of the Meeting

Sam welcomed everybody and introductions were made. Sam read the rules - no jargon, private conversations must stay within the meeting, one person to speak at a time, those dialling in please turn your microphone off when not speaking and mobile phones to be on silent.



## Minutes & Actions from the last meeting

**Item:**



**Outstanding Actions:**

- Lesley to circulate reports with the minutes - **actioned**
- Laura to raise equipment issues with the Equipment Service and get some feedback

Laura updated that the issue was discussed at the Staying Healthy Subgroup. There is a lack of staff, particularly Occupational Therapists. Action to be taken forward through the Staying Healthy Subgroup– **action closed.**

- NHS Herefordshire & Worcestershire Integrated Care Board are taking on commissioning of dental services from April 2023 - Rachael Skinner to find out whether specialist dentistry is also included in this.

Rachael updated that some parts of specialist dentistry will be included and some parts will be commissioned with other Integrated Care Boards and might happen on a regional basis. Once SpeakEasy NOW have completed their audits of dental services, an update can be brought to Partnership Board. Gail asked if there was a documented dental pathway for Herefordshire and Worcestershire. Rachael said there isn't one at the moment as different bits of the pathway are commissioned by different organisations – **action closed**

- Healthy Bowel Event – Fran to check if there is a link to the online event – Rachael will find out if the event was recorded.
- Action Plan table to be circulated with the meeting papers for any feedback before end of March – **actioned.**
- Good quality images and case studies for the Strategy to be forwarded to Fran and Lesley before end of March – these were received – thank you – **actioned.**
- Transport issues to be included as part of the Strategy Action Plan – **actioned.**
- Members of Partnership Board to feedback any stories/case studies for the Our Way Link Workers – Cat updated that they hadn't yet received any feedback – it is an ongoing piece of work therefore if people do want to feedback anything about housing etc., they can get in touch with Cat. Adam and Cat to liaise about a contribution from Having a Place to Live Subgroup.



## Expert Members Report

**Item:**

**Report:**

Sam read out the report.



### **Comments/Questions:**

Fran said it was really sad to hear about Chester, but it was good that people were able to go to his funeral.

Fran noted how busy SpeakEasy NOW have been!

All of things raised in the report will be covered within the new Learning Disability Strategy.

Rachael said it was a really good report and change is happening as a consequence of expert member involvement and should be recognised in Learning Disability Week.

Rachael said how said it was to hear about Chester and offered her warm regards and sympathy to all who worked closely with him.



## Highlight Reports

**Item:**

**Report:**



Having a Place to Live

### Having a Place to Live

Sam went through the report.

Next two Having a Place to Live Subgroup Meetings are 5<sup>th</sup> September and 5<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

Sandra asked Sam if he knew where the new supported living placement for profound and multiple learning disabilities would be – Adam said it hadn't been identified yet but would be within Worcester City.

Sandra said it was really shocking to hear about providers handing back packages. Adam said it had been difficult in the last few months with providers handing back packages of care. They have found 2 good providers to take on 2 of the packages and have gone out to tender for the remaining 1. Should be able to give an update at the next Partnership Board.

Laura said we have had responses coming forward to pick up the packages of care. We are working really closely with all our providers to try and make sure we can avoid this happening with any more services.

Fran said some providers have made national decisions to pull out of some sectors.

Sandra said it is good to hear that we have had responses to the tenders.

Rachael said there are also similar challenges in Herefordshire and other neighbouring areas. Other area commissioners are trying to place in Worcestershire because the quality of care is good. We want everyone to have a high quality level of care. Continuing Health Care staff are working closely with Worcestershire County Council.

Laura said the work that Adam is doing on the new supported living purchasing system means that from September/October 2023, we are going to be working with a smaller number of providers but that this will make it easier to ensure good quality.

Fran said one of the actions of Strategy Action Plan is in relation to shared ownership and she will link in with Cat about the example given in the Highlight Report.



## **Right Support for Carers**

Sandra went through the report.

Regarding the issue of Annual Health Checks being done over the telephone, Rachael said that through the LeDeR programme, they look at when the last Annual Health Check was completed and what each one looked like. Rachael confirmed that over last 18 months, they had not seen any examples of health checks being completed over the telephone for people reviewed. Rachael asked if Right Support for Carers had a link to the Annual Health Check Priority Action Group – Sandra confirmed that 3 carers attend that meeting.



## **Staying Healthy**

Update included in the Expert Members Report.

## New Learning Disability Strategy – final version for Health & Wellbeing Board - Fran

### Item:



### Report:

The draft is looking really good – massive thanks to Chris and his team for doing the layout and also thanks to everyone who contributed with case studies, photos etc.

Due to go the Health & Wellbeing Board next Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2023 – Sam, Rachel and Sandra will be attending with Fran. Fran gave a quick overview of the Health & Wellbeing Report (papers are published online). Mark Fitton, Strategic Director for People, will be the Health & Wellbeing Board sponsor and has been really complimentary about the Strategy.

This is an opportunity to raise the profile of learning disabilities. Hoping to raise publicity of the Strategy through social media pages and links.

Fran went through the draft Strategy. Once the Strategy has been to Health & Wellbeing Board, there will be a few final tweaks and then the final version will be ready to go live.

Fran confirmed the Action Plan will be looked at each year and actions can be updated if needed.



### Comments/Questions:

Members of Partnership Board commented on how good it looked.

Rachael said she thought it was a really good document and pulls together all of the different things that organisations are doing in one place.

Rachael said LeDeR have been asked for a new delivery plan each year and some things take longer to do well. For this year, they hope to have a 2 year plan, then possibly have an integrated plan to take us up to 2028.

Fran said some of the actions are very specific – there is going to be lots of work underlying each of the themes. The year 1 actions should be achievable in 12 months and



we will bear in mind how we implement the Strategy and we may want some long term actions.

Pam asked if there could be a jargon buster for the word “Strategy” – Fran agreed to add this at the beginning.

## **Learning Disability Partnership Board – future ways of working – Fran/all**

### **Item:**



### **Report:**

Joint Partnership Board with Herefordshire – Tracey has responded - we need to get back to her with a date – this is likely to be after the summer holidays. It was agreed it will be an extra meeting, in addition to current planned Worcestershire Board meetings.

Bi-monthly, hybrid meetings on a Tuesday, from 11.00 am-1.00 pm work well.

Would look to do annual review of the Strategy every May.

Some of the themes don't have subgroups and therefore currently no highlight reports. We don't have the capacity to run 7 subgroups but would want to track the highlights based on the actions in the strategy.

Fran suggested a new highlight report template that would capture the information from all of the themes. Fran suggested highlight reports at September and January Meetings and the Meetings in between would be for other items and may focus on a particular theme or themes.



### **Comments/Questions:**

Rachael suggested having an annual plan so members know what will be discussed when and when people needed to be invited or attend. This was agreed as a good idea.

Chris said he would like to get the Purposeful Days subgroup running again and will work with Fran on this.

Lucy asked about Preparing for Adulthood – Fran said the stakeholder group aims to meet 3 times a year. Morag said the Connectors are linking in with this.

It was agreed that some themes might have specific task and finish groups or a set of meetings to achieve a particular aim or action.



### **Actions:**

- Fran to review to Terms of Reference based on the discussions and agreements in the meeting.



### **Any Other Business**

#### **Item:**

#### **Report:**



#### **Learning Disability Week - 19<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

Barbara mentioned a church service is being arranged for Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June at the sports hall in Cookley – starting at 3.00 pm – Richard Keble will be doing a reading. Barbara is hoping the Mayor of Kidderminster will attend. There will be an arts and crafts table with items made by people with learning disabilities.

Barbara is also doing a stand at Kidderminster Hospital.



### **Actions:**

- If people would like to attend the Church Service on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2023, please can they contact Barbara direct (email address to be supplied privately). Barbara needs to know by 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at the latest.

- Fran will liaise with Morag and other LDPB members about organising events and communications for Learning Disability Week.

**Item:**



**Report:**

### Wildgoose

Fran updated that Wildgoose have submitted a bid to the People's Projects lottery project. People can vote for the service via this link:

<https://www.thepeoplesprojects.org.uk/projects/view/wildgoose-care-farm>

**Item:**

**Report:**

Fran updated that today is Lesley's last Partnership Board and Aimee will be taking over the administration. Fran thanked Lesley for her contribution to Partnership Board.

The email address for Partnership Board business remains the same: [LDPB@worcestershire.gov.uk](mailto:LDPB@worcestershire.gov.uk)



## Review and Confirmation of Actions

**Item:**

**Report:**

- Lesley to circulate reports and presentations with the minutes – **actioned**.
- Healthy Bowel Event – Rachael to find out if the event was recorded.
- Members of Partnership Board to feedback any stories/case studies for the Our Way Link Workers to Cat
- LD Strategy - Fran to add a jargon buster box for the word "Strategy"

- Fran to review the Terms of Reference
- If people would like to attend the Church Service for Learning Disability Week on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2023, please can they contact Barbara direct Barbara needs to know numbers by 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at the latest.
- Lesley to circulated Barbara’s email address to members of Partnership Board - **actioned**.
- Fran will liaise with Morag and other LDPB members about organising events and communications for Learning Disability Week.
- Wildgoose – link to bid for them to be circulated via email - **actioned**.

## Date of Next Meeting

**Date:**



**Details:**

18<sup>th</sup> July 2023

11.00 am – 1.00 pm

Great Malvern Room/MS Teams

The Meeting Room can only accommodate 20 people, please notify Fran/Aimee if you want to attend “in person” nearer the time of the meeting using the LDPB email address:

[LDPB@worcestershire.gov.uk](mailto:LDPB@worcestershire.gov.uk)