



Expert Members Report for Learning Disability Partnership Board

July 18th 2023

Worcestershire Learning Disability Strategy



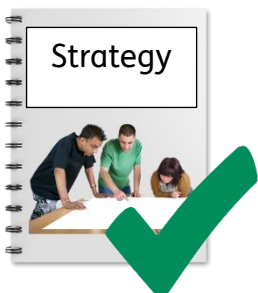
On 23rd May, Rachel and Sam attended the Health and Wellbeing Board with Fran Kelsey and Sandra Rohan-Kickham. We presented the new Worcestershire Learning Disability Strategy for 2023-2028.



We spoke about the ways in which we had worked with other stakeholders and members of the Partnership Board to produce this.



We told the Health and Wellbeing Board how important it was that the voices of people with learning disabilities are heard, and that their views and opinions are valued and acted upon.



The Board were very impressed by the strategy and the way it had been produced. They said it was an excellent example of co-production and should be the way that all services are planned and developed in future.



Staying Healthy Sub-Group

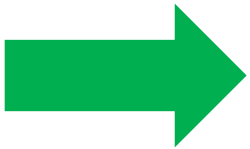
On 25th May, Expert Members attended the Staying Healthy sub- group. We were disappointed that no health or social care professionals were able to attend.



We have raised questions about how healthy lifestyle support services are delivered across both Herefordshire and Worcestershire.



We have also asked about the availability of Occupational Therapy support and if meningococcal vaccination is available annually for people with learning disabilities.



Richard Keble is looking into these issues and will be reporting back to us.

Reasonable Adjustments



For some time now Expert Members have been working with the NHS Health Improvement Team. We are working with them to help produce a training resource about reasonable adjustments for health and social care staff.



Some Expert Members will be featured in the online training, talking about the reasonable adjustments that help them.



Soon a digital flag will be used on patient records to identify the need for reasonable adjustments, and list what these are for that individual patient. This is currently being tested in areas across the Country.

Training Film



Another Expert Member took part in making a training film about Care, Education and Treatment Reviews. This will be used by the Complex Needs team, for training health and social care professionals. One of our Expert Members also helps to deliver this training.



Learning Disability Week 2023

Monday 19th June saw the start of Learning Disability week. The theme this year was myth busting.



Many Expert Members featured on our Facebook and Twitter pages during that week. They told people about the huge variety of achievements made by people with learning disabilities.



They talked about things like having a job, running their own home, learning to drive, supporting others, doing voluntary work, and speaking up to help others be heard.



On Sunday 25th June, Rachel attended a service in Cookley, to celebrate the lives and achievements of people with learning disabilities. She gave a short speech about the good lives that people with learning disabilities have today and the contributions they make to society.

Hear Me Now App

At a meeting of Health Checkers on 6th July some Expert Members met with developers of the new Hear Me Now App.

They explained what the app is for and some of the ways we can use it. We are hoping to have a go at using it so we can tell them what we think.



Dental Report

Health Checkers have now written their Dental Report.

Some of our recommendations include:

- Better access to Dentists
- Dentists making more reasonable adjustments
- More promotion of oral health to people with learning disabilities
- More checks that people are having regular dental check ups and following up oral health in Health Action Plans





Rachel presented this to the Tackling Health Inequalities Board on 6th July. The Board will be requesting a response to the recommendations from NHS commissioners and Oral Health Steering Groups.

NHS Recruitment



On 7th July, 3 Health Checkers took part in interviews for the NHS Herefordshire and Worcestershire Integrated Care Board. We were interviewing for a new Senior Programme Lead for Learning Disability and Autism.



Healthwatch Worcestershire

On 10th July Healthwatch Worcestershire attended our Forum meeting. We gave them feedback about Public Health messaging and told them about what we had found as part of our Dental review.



Adult Social Care Strategy

Expert Members have also been attending the Building Together workshops, as part of the co-production of the new Adult Social Care Strategy.