

## **Physical Disability Partnership Board**

21<sup>st</sup> November 2021

Zoom Meeting 11am-1pm

### **Minutes**

#### **Present**

SC	Sue Clements	CEO, Headway
RE	Rebecca Evans	Living Sport
KG	Kate Gravett	Independent Member
GH	Graeme Hodgson	Commissioning Manager, PCC and CCC
EJS	Emma Joy-Staines	Steelbones
GL	Graham Lewis	Healthwatch
JM	Jason Merrill	Independent Member / Family Voice-Peterborough
RN	Rebecca Nuttall	Little People UK
LO	Liz Owen	Independent Member
JP	Jo Palmer	Physical Disability team.

#### **Apologies**

BB	Bob Bragger	MS Society
JC	Jacki Cozens	Peterborough City Council
RH	Russell Henki	Independent Member
LJS	Leigh Joy-Staines	Independent Member
KL	Kelly Law	Peterborough City Council
TM	Tara Mackey	Commissioner
KP	Kirsten Pollock	Independent Member
RV	Roger Valentine	Peterborough City Council

Graham told the Partnership Board that, after a long illness, Alena Taylor had sadly passed away.

## **1 Introductions**

GL Requested permission to record the meeting for purpose of the minutes. Explained how the closed captions work.

## **2 Minutes and Action Log**

The minutes of 17<sup>th</sup> August 2021 were approved, and the Action log was reviewed. Actions 71, 75 and 94 are work in progress. These all relate to recruitment of organisations and Independent Members. Actions 96 to 100 were all completed.

## **3 Updates from members**

#1 Student Finance do not recognise ABI as a disability and so do not provide 1:1 Support. Will contact Sue at Headway.

#2 Headway reported that there are significant waiting times or Ambulances to for people who live in Lincolnshire area but are to go to Peterborough City Hospital.

#3 Steelbones reported that people are also having long waits at Addenbrookes (CUH NHS Trust)

**ACTION:** GL to feed this back to Healthwatch Information and Signposting team.

#4 Communication between Hinchingsbrooke Hospital and Addenbrookes. Requires Neuro Physio. GP has referred to neurologist at Addenbrookes who has said out of area

**ACTION:** GL to connect Independent Member and Information and Signposting Team.

#### **4 Feedback from other meetings, including the Adult Social Care Forum**

GL has attended the Adult Social Care Forum (ASCF). It advised that the national Carers Survey is underway. NHS Digital have created the computer algorithm to identify which carers will be sent the survey.

The ASCF have identified a series of priorities that it is looking into: Communications, Co-production and Transitions from Children's to Adult Services.

#### **5 Update from PD team- Jo Palmer**

All of the Adult Social Care – Older People and Physical Disability teams have been double vaccinated and are working through boosters and flu vaccinations. They are using Lateral Flow Tests and PPE to focus on face-to-face interaction with people. Staff are coming into the offices at least 1 day per week – staff supervision, talking with colleagues and discussing cases.

Domiciliary Care, some challenges in finding companies to take on the package requested.

There are 5 social work vacancies in the team. Also recruiting newly qualified social workers and student social workers. People are retiring and reviewing their lives and moving on.

There are a number of outstanding annual reviews, and these are being looked at.

County Council are looking at the departmental structure and discussing how to make changes and improve the service.

#### **6 Individual Service Funds - update**

Care Act describes 3 ways in which people can receive package. Direct Payments people receive the payment and they have choice and control over how to spend (to meet the outcomes in the care and support plan) and they manage the administration. Arranged provision, care is organised on their behalf by Social Care and as such have very little control.

The Individual Service Fund is an alternative. The fund is managed by a third-party provider, chosen by the person. They hold the budget and work with the person to deliver the outcomes identified in the care and support plan. PATH approach – planning alternative tomorrows with hope. Identifying what people want out of life and then back tracking all the steps that lead to that.

Individual Service Funds are being piloted in East Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. Staff have undertaken training modules to better understand and able to discuss with people.

Individual Service Fund providers will not, necessarily, deliver the package they may commission others.

Q Will the person need to set up a separate bank account to manage this money or can it be paid into their normal bank account?

GH The money will be paid on to a prepayment card so no bank account needed.

Q How do you refer someone to this?

GH Starts with the Care Needs Assessment. A Social Worker will be assigned to carry out the assessment. Referrals are triaged, that is risk assessments are carried out.

Q What % of children with eligible care needs are on Direct Payments (in CCC and PCC)?

GH I will have to check and let GL know.

Post meeting update:

GH In Cambridgeshire: there are 1006 service users aged 0-18 (this doesn't include looked after children as they don't have a personal budget – as all costs are included in placement) and 771 have a direct payment for all or part of their care allocation, so 76%.

In Peterborough: there are 77 cases open to 0-18 Disability Service and 56 cases are in receipt of DP's, so 73% of Children & YPs are receiving DP's.

## **7 Priorities Update**

Physical Disability Partnership Board set priorities in early 2020. 4 Priorities were set:

- Membership – GL is working with our communications colleagues to plan a recruitment plan for 2022.
- Digital Inclusion/Exclusion/Resilience – covered as part of the Healthwatch AGM event. We have planned a number of Cross Board Events but these have had to be postponed due to Covid-19. The Adult Social Care Forum of the Council's has also started to look at this.
- Stroke – Stroke Association gave a presentation February 2021 and GL attended their online coffee morning to talk about the Partnership Boards.
- Hate Crime – A roundtable event was held in October 2020

## **8 Living Sport**

Rebecca Evans gave a presentation on the County Wide Activity Strategy.

Living Sport is a charity and is the Active Partnership for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. They have a vision to improve the health and wellbeing of people living in the area by inspiring them to be active.

Sport and Activity is very general – about movement.

A working group was set up with representatives from a range of disability organisations – living sport, headway, sense, Cambs FA etc. This work is supported by a county network of around 180 disability organisations and people from disability, sport and physical activity sector to promote and develop physical activity opportunities for disabled people.

The pandemic has had a disproportionate impact on the activity levels of Disabled people. Physical activity is an opportunity to improve health and wellbeing, as well as make social connections.

Living Sport have been listening to understand what is important to Disabled people and what the broader barriers are to being active locally. They have collaborated with stakeholders to build on existing momentum to address the inequalities people experience in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. Influencing change.

Working around the Social Model of Disability – that society is disabling people rather than the impairment. Working alongside the Activity Alliance which has 10 principles:

- My channels (how I receive information – social media, newspaper etc)
- My locality
- Me not my impairment
- My values
- My life story
- Reassure me
- Include me
- Listen to me
- Welcome me
- Show me

This strategy is pulling people/organisations together based on these principles to enable people to become active.

Creating the conditions for Disabled people to be active:

- People – people with disabilities and people without disabilities, people with skills, self-care, confidence, attitudes, perception and support.
- Environment – accessible, spaces to be active, adapted, inclusive and in my area
- Workforce – confidence, support, representation, attitudes and skills

What would success look like to you from this strategy?

If there was one thing, that could be done to make the conditions to be active better, what would this be?

What is the one thing that needs to stop to enable people to be active?

Would you like to be further involved in the strategy? And how?

[Rebecca.Evans@livingsport.co.uk](mailto:Rebecca.Evans@livingsport.co.uk)

**ACTIONS:** Share with Rebecca the Independent Members details who requested it. Share presentation and questions with Rebecca's contact email address

## **9 Commissioning Update**

See earlier item on Individual Service Funds

## **10 Highlights to be taken to the ASCF**

Information on ambulances, referral routes to neuro physio.

## **11 AOB**

Shared Care Record – Graham reminded the Partnership Board about the Shared Care Record meeting that would taking place on 9<sup>th</sup> December.

Peterborough City Council Budget consultation – Graham reminded the Partnership Board that information had been circulated about the survey asking people's opinions.

## **Next Meeting**

**Date:** 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022

**Time:** 11am to 1pm (pre meeting for Independent Members from 10am)

**Venue:** Zoom

Healthwatch had wanted to trial hybrid meetings (mixture of in-person and videoconference call) during January to March 2022 but has decided that meetings should be online only due to the new variant of covid-19.