





Learning Disability Partnership Board

Thursday 1st December 2022, 10:30am to 3:00pm

Hybrid Meeting at Maple Centre, 6 Oak Drive, Huntingdon, PE29 7LB. Online via Zoom.

Minutes

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| <p>1.</p> |  | <p>Welcome.</p> <p>Who is here, in the Maple Centre?</p> <p>Chair: Bill Jones – Speak Out Leader Cambridge City and South Cambs</p> <p>Co-Chair: Gareth Peters – Social Service Manager CCC Learning Disability Partnership</p> <p>Amanda Preston – Enabling Independence Assunta Genovese – Network Team Dennis Jones – Peterborough Councillor Enzo Petruzzello – Network Team & Learning Disability Advisor Graham Lewis – Healthwatch Staff John Donnelly (supported by Dennis Jones) Kate Bunting – Support Speak Out Council Rebecca Spalding-Green – Healthwatch Staff Sean Nightingale – Speak Out Leader – East Cambs</p> <p>Who is online?</p> <p>Anne Hunt – Speak Out Team Leader – Fenland Bianca Cotterill – Pinpoint / Independent Member Dennis Pinshon – Independent Member Elspeth Jones – Speak Out Leader – Autism Fay Boans – Commissioning Officer CCC & PCC Helen Kewley – Independent Member Michelle Mansfield – The Quality Company and Deputy Chair Neil Adams – Speak Out Leader – Young People Nicki Bishop – Voiceability Russell Henke – Speak Out Leader – High Support Needs</p> |
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| |  | <p>Ryan Whitney-Hill – Commissioning Manager ICB for Learning Disabilities and Autism Sam Dunstan – Enabler for Keyworking Collaborative Sarah Ellwood (ICS Commissioning) Travis Mclennon – Access Champion City College Peterborough Toni Bawden – Commissioning Officer, CCC & PCC</p> <p>Who can't make it? Debbie Drew – Independent Member Jill Johnson – Learning Disability Partnership – CCC Roger Valentine – Peterborough CCC Siobhan Macbean – Special Educational Needs & Disability</p> |
| 2 |   | <p>People with Learning Disabilities and/or Autism and Carers</p> <p>What we have to say:</p> <p>GL discussed issues with adult risk assessment in Peterborough, online only but not everyone can access, digital exclusion and not being able to do. This is preventing people from their right of having assessment.</p> <p>A parent carer asked social services for assistance in arranging transport. The service offered was shared with others and costs £16.75, (social services pay for it) so not value for money, versus taxi, community transport, or free bus pass.</p> <p>Action: Gareth to feedback to teams.</p> <p>A member was concerned people don't know about what support is available with the cost of living crisis or how to access it. Gareth explained, the councils are pulling information & resources together, with staff talking face to face, over the phone and through the website about financial assistance at all assessments/chats. GL added Healthwatch continue to share everything they are aware of from various organisations across Cambridgeshire and</p> |

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| | | <p>Peterborough regarding the cost-of-living crisis ie warm hubs, energy companies advice, financial assistance etc.</p> <p>Councillor Dennis, spoke of extra assistance in Peterborough, recognising that online can exclude too many people, but they have extra staff in centres too. Happy to advocate for people, as hearing people’s experiences has a more direct impact on discussions.</p> <p>A Speak Out Leader, highlighted the dimensions and disability awards happening Friday 2nd December 2022 online, not winners but fab work.</p> |
| 3 | <p>The Speak Out Council Report</p> | <p>The Speak Out Council Presentation Highlights</p> <p>Anne Hunt – Speak Out Council Leader – Fenlands</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Health Check surveys. • Will be training young people on how to involve and include people with disabilities and autism. • Continue search for Safe Places across Fenlands. <p>Sean Nightingale – Speak Out Leader – Huntingdonshire and East Cambs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended Adult Social Care Forum to discuss concerns on public transport and annual health checks. • Looking for new in Safe Places in Huntingdon. • Working with Forensic Psychiatry Service to improve service for people with learning disabilities or autism. • Easy Read information for Shared Record explanation. <p>Russell Henke – Speak Out Leader – High Support Needs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issues with online system for blue badges, fixed and much easier to access now. • Working with Transport For All regarding new local transport, after cut bus services. • New train station being built for Addenbrookes will have 2 changing places – one on either platform. • Cambourne Warm Hubs very accessible and friendly, possibly will use for drop ins. <p>Neil Adams – Speak Out Leader – Young People</p> |

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- Talking to students about Annual Health checks to increase take up.
- Helping plan an event in March 2023 to give young people, parents and carers information about Preparing for Adulthood (PFA).
- Did sessions with Send at Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council.



Bill Jones – Speak Out Leader – Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire

- Recruiting more Safe Places in Cambridge City and looking at staff training within these places.
- Attended Health and Inequalities Healthwatch Meeting.
- Delivered training to staff who work in GPs about Annual Health Checks.
- Working on accessible information on sexual safety for people with Learning Disabilities.
- Looking at Way Finding App for helping people find their way around Addenbrookes.

Elsbeth Jones – Speak Out Leader – Speak up Spectrum

- Christmas get together online for Speak Up Spectrum
- Started up new Autism Zoom group for Safe Soulmates called double trouble, so members can listen about how autism effects lives.
- Cuts to Stagecoach bus services; care plans don't cover transport but cost of alternative travel is much higher. Sent a letter to councillors and Combined Authority Mayor to raise these isolation/ costs fears.
- The six Speak Out Leaders were nominated for Dimensions Learning Disability and Autism Leaders Award.

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| <p>4.</p> | <p>The Network Team Report</p> | <p>The Network Team presentation Highlights</p> <p>Regarding cost-of-living crisis - what is assistance there is available, was shared;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benefit assistance, • Discount on energy bills, • Household Support Fund, • Warm Space Hubs, • One to One Advocate at enabling independence is helping people with a learning disability in Peterborough access what they are entitled to. <p>Peer Review – meeting with the local authority to help advise what is good and what can be improved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Really pleased vaccine letters are in Easy Read. • Discussed the story of a man spending over 21 years in hospital after a mental health crisis. Raising concerns that people with autism are still having negative hospital experiences. • Hydrotherapy Pool news keeps changing and costs up from £4 to £12, so excluding low-income people. • Planning next Lava Lamp Nightclub event for Friday 11th February 2023. |
| <p>5.</p> |  | <p>Update from the Learning Disability Partnership and SEND</p> <p>Covered in other parts of the meeting due to Agenda Items taking longer than planned.</p> |
| <p>6.</p> |  | <p>Getting people out of hospital - Toni Bawden</p> <p>Gave a presentation on 'Ways of getting people out of hospital' that explains people with learning difficulties and/or autism are finding it difficult to leave hospital due to lack of suitable social care and suitable housing.</p> <p>Then discussing Community Discharge Grant, money that is available to help these people out of hospitals. Health and</p> |

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| | | <p>Social Care want to work with carers and those with lived experience to decide how to spend this money. TB asked which organisations should they speak to across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough?</p> <p>Questions, Answers and Comments</p> <p>Michelle asked if wanted individuals rather than organisations and could we have some further information/ leaflets to send out. Toni explained everyone is welcome, but grant would only be eligible for organisations only not individuals.</p> <p>ACTION: Graham to pass Michelle details.</p> |
| <p>7.</p> |  | <p>Learning Disability Health Sub-Group Meeting Summary</p> <p>On last meeting Thursday 3rd November 2022 discussed:</p> <p>Learning disability issues with annual health checks, health action plans and health screening (already covered earlier in this meeting).</p> <p>Had a presentation on Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Health Screening, a service that looks at large blood vessels in the walls of which men over 65 years can have a predisposition to. Ultrasound service can pick these up which if left untreated can rupture and be fatal. The service was looking for help in reaching all men over 65, to communicate this information to encourage and higher take up of the screening service.</p> |
| <p>8.</p> |  | <p>Updates From Other Meetings</p> <p>Adult Social Care Forum</p> <p>Had a presentation about an App being developed called 'Joy', it will allow healthcare professional to see what services and organisations are available in the local area to refer their patient directly to. The idea is that this will assist social prescribers to help link patients (with more complex/ different needs than previously have been able to help) to lots of organisations and service.</p> |

Discussed the length of waiting times for social care referrals, in Cambridgeshire 2 weeks but Peterborough waiting times up to 8 weeks for assessments.

Huntingdon Health and Care Forum

Had a focus on the variety of different roles in GP's. NHS England have published material about these roles, however, Healthwatch is aware not all the roles are in all the GP's.

Peterborough Health and Care Forum

Discussed issues with repeat prescriptions, how the process is now online only (excluding many people) and the waiting time for repeat prescriptions means people are often running out of medicine.

There is has been a reduction in groups who represent patients, who meet to give feedback about issues relating to a particular surgery, (Patient Reference Groups, PRG and Patient Participation Groups, PPGs). Raising the question how surgeries are receiving feedback or making improvements.

Learning Disability Partnership Meetings




Gareth discussed the annual LeDeR Report.



This looks at the deaths of people with Learning Disabilities during the last year. They are looking at why people died and if anything could have been done to prevent it.

Asked if could look at this in a meeting when reports released? The previous report had an increase in respiratory related deaths. Suggesting that there were less Flu and Covid vaccination taken up across disability groups versus the rest of population. Have sent out Easy Read letters to encourage people to go for vaccinations.

Stop Hate UK Meeting

Have launched a service in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough on 28th November 2022. It is a helpline, to listen, report to the police if needed, and can signpost for further information.

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| <p>9.</p> |   | <p>Our Meetings in The Future</p> <p>GL mentioned in past meetings, when people were asked about their preference for how meetings should be held in future, ie online only, hybrid or face to face, there was a mixed response.</p> <p>Concerns were raised about suitable venues because of the technology needed to support hybrid meetings. It was noted today at one point there were 29 people in the meeting, which if face to face only would affect venue choice.</p> <p>Feedback on hybrid meeting, a member found it difficult to keep up with who was talking. They also said there wasn't a clear flow to the agenda. The Partnership Board agreed with this.</p> <p>Discussed possibly introducing yourself before talking on hybrid meetings and moving the tables slightly so people are more visible when speaking to the camera.</p> <p>It was agreed that meetings would continue to be hybrid but that we would look at this on a regular basis.</p> <p>Feedback had also been given about the length of the day, the number of items on the agenda. with ongoing discussions. Whilst reducing the length of the meeting was already under consideration and being discussed.</p> |
| <p>10</p> |  | <p>Minutes of last meetings and Action Log Updates</p> <p>The minutes for the last meeting on the Thursday 26th May and Thursday 1st September 2022 were recapped and approved. Graham Lewis discussed the outstanding actions;</p> <p>128, Regarding revamping the Cambridgeshire Locality Meetings, Gareth Peters has been working with the Think Communities teams and will report back in March 2023.</p> |

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| | | <p>160 and 167, Regarding the Cost-of-Living Crisis, what help and information is out there. This is an ongoing situation, Healthwatch continue to update website with all info.</p> <p>166, Safe Soulmates to come to a future meeting to discuss how they are tackling loneliness.</p> <p>168, Asking if people with Autism now have annual health checks? And concerns about hospital appointments being cancelled at short notice. Healthwatch raised this with the hospitals mentioned.</p> <p>169, Karen Berkley will us posted with the commissioning of the new Advocacy Service.</p> |
| 11. |  | <p>Any Other Business</p> <p>MM asked if could be invited to next Fenland Health and Care Frum meeting.</p> <p>Action: RSG add to MM to mailing list.</p> <p>Question raised as to why day centre has moved from town centre to Lincoln Road, very hidden and not clearly sign posted, stair access and not easy to find or get in. Amanda said, 2 services running so may cause confusion.</p> <p>Action: Amanda will look into this.</p> |
| 12. |  | <p>Date of next meeting:</p> <p>Thursday 2nd March, 10.30 - 3pm Hybrid meeting confirmed.</p> <p>Next Co-chair to be confirmed.</p> |

Dates for our meetings in 2023 (Thursdays)

| Date | Time | Venue |
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| 2 nd March 2023 | 11.00 - 3.00 (Pre meeting at 10.30am) | Maple Centre, Huntingdon and/or Zoom |

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| 1 st June 2023 | 11.00 - 3.00 (Pre meeting at 10.30am) | Maple Centre, Huntingdon and/or Zoom |
| 7 th September 2023 | 11.00 - 3.00 (Pre meeting at 10.30am) | venue to be confirmed and/or Zoom |
| 7 th December 2023 | 11.00 - 3.00 (Pre meeting at 10.30am) | venue to be confirmed and/or Zoom |