

Older People's Partnership Board Notes

10th March 2024

1) Welcome, Introductions and Apologies

- The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Present:
 - Independent Members from Cambridgeshire x 2
 - Independent Member from Peterborough x 0
 - VCSE sector representative x 2
 - Peterborough City Council Commissioning x 2
 - Peterborough City Council Service delivery x 1
 - Cambridgeshire County Council service delivery x 0
 - Cambridgeshire County Council Commissioning x 1
 - Speakers x 1
- Apologies were received

2) Feedback from Independent Members

No feedback was given

3) Community Navigators in Cambridgeshire

Antonina Yaneva, Commissioner at the County Council, described the service. Community Navigators provided by Care Network.

It was explained that the current contract is due to come to an end. This meant that the County Council were preparing to go out to tender, that is invite organisations to bid for the new contract. Once this has gone through the commissioning process the County Council will be able to announce who will be delivering the service in the future.

4) Update from Social Care Commissioners and Operational Leads

Cambridgeshire County Council

Antonina for Cambridgeshire County Council said that a review was taking place about the delivery of home care in Cambridgeshire. Meetings have been arranged with SUN Network.

Action: GL to circulate a leaflet about the SUN Network meetings.

It was noted that whilst most services commissioned for older people are for people aged 65+, there are some in early intervention and prevention that can support people who are younger – such as ‘strength and balance’ classes. Graeme Hodgson, Commissioner at Cambridgeshire County Council, noted that the County Council had granted seed funding for projects that will start delivering their services on 1st April 2025, such as Rush Fitness which will be covering more areas of the County.

The County Council are also supporting social interaction groups for people with hearing loss. Many venues are not suitable as they do not have hearing loops. BSL and Lip-Reading services provided by Cambridgeshire Deaf Association.

The County Council are offering a health and wellbeing service via Care-Network.

The County Council are continuing to support the development of Care Micro-Enterprises across the County.

5) Terms of Reference review

The Terms of Reference is overdue as this was supposed to happen in December 2023.

Action: It was agreed that Healthwatch would circulate the Terms of Reference and that people would send comments to GL by 31st March.

Peterborough City Council

Belinda Child, Peterborough City Council, noted that the Care Quality Commission inspection of Adult Social Care will start on 31st March 2025.

Belinda noted that the waiting list for assessment (from referral to assessment) is now down to 17 cases (as at 10.03.25), with the oldest case being from 24.02.25. All cases are triaged on receipt and cases are monitored whilst people are waiting for their assessment.

Jo Rand (Commissioner at Peterborough City Council) noted that they are looking at the provision respite care for older people and for people with learning disabilities. The City Council are looking to co-produce this work.

James Fordham (Commissioner at Peterborough City Council) is working on the Care in the Community commissioning process. The tender has now closed, and submissions are being assessed. This will bring together a number of contracts. There will be fewer providers, and these will be awarded contracts based on quality of service not price.

6) Priorities of 2024-25 and setting priorities for 2025-2026

The priorities for 2024-25 were reviewed and it was felt that whilst the Partnership Board had looked at these, that they should continue to be priorities in 2025-2026.

- Recruitment of new Independent Members to the Partnership Board
- Public Transport
- Mental Health of Older People

It was also decided to add the priority of Hospital Discharge to the work of 2025-2026.

7) Update from Adult Social Care Forum and other meetings

These had been circulated.

It was noted that a Task and Finish meeting with the Integrated Care Board about Pathway 1 (discharge from hospital) had taken place. Members of the OPPB were very pleased that the Integrated Care Board were looking at this as a whole system approach.

It was noted by AGE UK Cambridgeshire and Peterborough that the work of the VCSE Sector was barely noted in the meeting. They were keen to note that whilst volunteers are essential to their support of hospital discharge, the staff and volunteers are fully trained and provide a professional service.

8) Minutes of the previous meeting and Action Log

- The minutes of the meeting held on 9th December 2024 were not approved due to lack of time and were to be approved at meeting on 9th June 2025
- The Action Log was reviewed.

9) Any Other Business

Date of next meeting

Date: 9th June 2025

Time: 11am to 1pm

Venue: City College Peterborough