

OLDER PEOPLE'S PARTNERSHIP BOARD

8 March 2021

Zoom meeting.

1) Welcome, present and apologies.

Present

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| DD | Debbie Drew | Healthwatch - note taker |
| GL | Graham Lewis | Healthwatch |
| BW | Brian Walker | Independent member - Chair |
| PMc | Paul McCloskey | Independent member |
| SE | Susan Edmunds | Independent member |
| KC | Ken Chung | Independent member |
| MM | Margaret Moffat | Independent member |
| JB | Janet Boston | Independent member |
| JM | Joan Monk | Independent member |
| KL | Kelly Law | Public information team CCC |
| SB | Sarah Bye | Commissioner |
| WD | Wendy Dunn | Dementia Connect |
| SW | Susie Willis | Care Network |
| LO | Lynne O'Brien | Commissioner CCC |
| HR | Harriet Rowe | Commissioner CCC |
| MJ | Mike Jenkins | Camsight |

Apologies

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| MS | Marion Shaer | Better Bretton |
| JG | Jackie Galwey | Safeguarding CCC |

Introductions were made and Graham explained the meeting would be recorded for the purpose of minutes.

2.Feedback from Independent Members

DD Asked if the members thought that subtitles/captions would be useful? It had been raised at another board and Healthwatch were looking to see what could be achieved.

It was agreed if this is possible it would be useful.

ACTION GL and DD to see what can be done.

A discussion took place around meeting protocols. It was felt sometimes people forget these when online. Members want to get the best from the meeting and recognise that it is more difficult to chair a meeting online.

Healthwatch have been revising meeting protocols so these can be shared.

ACTION GL to check through these and share with the board.

3. Feedback from Other Meetings and Adult Social Care Forum.

GL gave a highlights report for the ASCF from the boards- this helps us get feedback from specific managers.

BW asked the forum how they were preparing people to be less dependent on the support that has been provided due to lockdown.

SW We have been working with the volunteer centre. We have set up Project Catalyst. This is a new Care Network project, covering Cambridgeshire and Peterborough with the aim of helping improve the confidence and resilience of people and communities emerging from lockdown.

KC Through Age UK I have maintained the contact with the 4 people I have been supporting. Peterborough have quite a good network of groups to feed into. Age UK has been doing a lot of work.

4. Update from Older People's Services- Lynne O'Brien

The team are looking forward to 2036 and doing a needs assessment to see what accommodation is going to be needed in the future. This includes care home, extra care facilities, assisted technology. This was paused due to Covid.

We are testing assumptions around numbers needed. We are looking at population projections and checking with other organisations what their views/ predictions are.

We are seeking feedback on the types of accommodation people think they may want in the future. We are investigating the Care Suite idea where people are tenants.

We are working with care homes with the new guidance on single named visitors that can have more contact with the resident. Visitors will be registered and tested before the visit and PPE must be worn.

Other visitors will still be allowed to visit outdoor or in the pods that are already set up.

Discharge to assess finishes on the 1st April and we are not sure if the government have further plans for this. The councils will still be offering up to 6 weeks reablement.

The vaccine uptake has been good and all has been going well.

For the future the councils are looking at how work practices have changed and if there is anything that can be carried forward to future working models.

BW what is a care suite and how does it differ?

LO Care Suites offer a little bit more security than care homes (care homes can ask people to leave at any point). Care suites offer the person the care they need. They have on suite rooms and a kitchenette facility. They are tenants so have tenancy rights. The premises also have substantial communal facilities and flexible spaces. So it is a mix of a care home and support at home.

JM Do the rules re who pays for care etc still apply in the same way? What about rent?

LO The care and the rent are separate. Some people will be eligible for housing benefit. The contribution to care will be worked out in the same way as before.

SW 3 years ago Care Network did some work trying to get people to think about their future needs. It was really difficult.

LO At present we are looking at numbers but when we want further input we will let the board know and we could have it on the agenda if people wanted it to be.

ACTION Lynne and Graham organise the possibility of attending next board.

5. Day Opportunities- Sarah Bye (presentation shared before meeting)

Day services are planning to reopen with the following in place:-

Regular PCR testing for staff and volunteers

Use of PPE

Infection Control Procedures in place - including service user and staff bubbles, social distancing and risk management.

Outbreak protocols and management

Services who have been closed will be submitting updated risk assessments and planned re-opening dates to the Local Authority.

Day Services for Older People and Day Opportunities Learning Disabilities are part of a workstream within the Adults Positive Challenge Programme. As part of the programme we are developing the following areas:

- Engagement with Providers to understand the current delivery across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough and their vision for services.
- Learning from the pandemic response and how can positive changes be maintained.
- Adult Social Care operational input into the development of the vision for Day Services
- Mapping the data we have which supports numbers of people accessing services, geographical spread and investment.

Our aim is to provide services which meet people's needs, deliver best practice and are consistent, with local variations, across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

Sarah asks:-

As the project develops how can we engage with the Partnership Boards to help develop the vision and future commissioning intentions for Day Services?

How can we best reach service users and carers to help refine our thinking, co-produce the vision and ensure services are meeting their needs?

What are your thoughts on Day Services and how these meet the needs of individuals? Any key areas we should explore further?

KC What provision do you have for those with mental health issues?

SB We have what our day services can currently offer already. Some can offer a higher level of support.

Several offers of help getting the questions/ info to groups were offered. Healthwatch, Care Network, Wendy Dunn, Paul McCloskey and Ken Chung have groups/ routes that info can be shared.

ACTION SB to bring an update to the next meeting.

6. Election of Chair and Vice chair

After discussion and agreement with Brian and Margaret a vote was taken on them staying in post for an extra 12 months which should take us out of the pandemic.

All agreed this was a good option.

7. Covid Update- Graham Lewis

Graham gave an update on latest covid figures for the area.

8. Update on Priorities

Priorities for the year were transport and digital inclusion. Several transport meetings took place in the summer.

We are planning a cross board event for the 9th July which will be at the new Coneygear centre in Huntingdon. We are hoping to have many organisations in attendance, some who help with digital inclusion, plus others who may offer technology enabled care as well as other ways to help people keep independent longer.

9. Minutes of previous meeting and action log.

Minutes were approved from December's meeting and will be put on Healthwatch website. All actions were completed.

10. To take to ASCF

For board to keep up to date with the return of day services.

Who is monitoring issues that may arise after the finish of Discharge to assess on 1st April.

11. AOB

SW raised the fact that the voluntary sector were not included and had no opportunity to discuss the routes of Discharge to Assess when often they are the people picking up some of the burden.

GL Reminded people about the changes to TV Licencing.

GL Reminded people that the census was taking place online on 21st March. However, when the letter comes through people can see that there are paper options as well as having phone conversations. If you want to use the other routes get in touch with then ASAP.

GL Community Navigators are coming along to next meeting. GL has circulated and email with some questions on it.

Date of next meeting

14th June 11-1 on Zoom