



## Physical Disability Partnership Board

18<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Zoom Meeting 1pm-3pm

### Minutes

#### 1. Welcome, Apologies and Introductions

##### 1.1 Present

AT	Alena Taylor (Chair)	Independent member
GL	Graham Lewis	Healthwatch
DD	Debbie Drew	Healthwatch
WTC	Wendy Taylor-Creek	Independent member
RN	Rebecca Nuttall	Little people
RG	Raymond Griffiths	Independent member
RH	Russell Henke	Speakout Leader - High Support Needs Committee
JR	Julia Rutherford	Voiceability
SC	Sue Clements	Headway CEO
JC	Jacky Cozens	Peterborough City Council
DSS	Deborah Stickler-Singh	Cambridgeshire County Council-Service Manager
KP	Kirsten Pollock	visitor

##### 1.2 Apologies

LM	Lee McManus	Commissioner, CCC
KO	Karen Oldale	Independent member
BH	Barbara Harrison	Independent member
SB	Sandy Burns	Disability Peterborough
PAW	Philipa Avery-Walters	Cambridgeshire County Council- Team Manager
PH	Paul Homewood	Independent Member

#### 1.Introductions

Alena welcomed everyone. Kirsten was welcomed as a potential new Board member. GL explained that the meeting would be recorded. The recording will be kept purely for the purpose of minutes and deleted once the minutes were approved.

## 2. Minutes and Action Log

Minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting. The minutes were approved.

Action log

68/70 Completed.

71 Graham has made some contacts and Steel Bones came to the last meeting. The MS Society Huntingdon were interested but said no one was available to attend a regular meeting. This search for organisations will be continued.

72. The council's teams for physical disability have been asked that if they do not attend the board to send an update. AT clarified that they were asked to write an update regardless of whether they would be attending the meeting or not. If they are able to attend, they can then speak to the written update and if they are unable to attend the update can be read during the meeting.

73. On hold.

**ACTION** GL to follow up with Sandy to see if her meeting went ahead.

74. Completed.

75. To be introduced.

## 3. Reflections on Lockdown

JR reported that the Speak Out Council have been working remotely. They have found that many people do not have internet access, but those that do are managing quite well.

SC Feedback from service users is that some of the digital/ virtual approaches have worked well and many want some to continue. Some people have found the situation very isolating and with no end date to work to.

SC reported they have run daily catch up for staff too which has been valuable.

RN Little People UK have been doing a weekly quiz with members. Some just join in and listen but take part in any chat that goes on. Using zoom has helped people keep in touch.

RG We have run virtual book and film clubs and these have gone down really well and are something we may well continue after lockdown.

KP has her assistance dog for companionship and it's great having a garden. The internet has been invaluable and she has become part of the Butterfly Legacy project helping out with scrubs.

AT reported that many organisations/ groups had done letterbox drops of leaflets with information on explaining how to get help etc.

There have been community hubs set up in every area, both from the County Council and the District Councils. Information is on their respective websites. It is important that even if you feel you are not entitled to help, but need some, that you try contacting these hubs as they are able to direct you to the help you need.

#### **4. Updated from members**

SC Headway are appointing a new Chair. They are reviewing the services they provide and will be contacting members to get feedback.

**ACTION** DD to give Sue and Wendy each other's contact details.

RG/RN All actual activities have been cancelled and had some big events organised. The organisation has carried on working but from home. Because there have been no fundraising activities an online balloon race was organised.

**ACTION** RN to share the details.

JR reported that their consultation had managed to reach more people this time with 70 respondents.

#### **5. Commissioner update**

**No written report had been provided.**

**ACTION** - DSS to check with Lee for an update and will share.

#### **6. Update from Physical Disability Team- Deborah Stickler-Singh**

Since 23<sup>rd</sup> March everyone has been working remotely and will be until they feel everything is Covid19 safe. The team have managed to continue to provide a service for which they have duty under the care act. Assessments have been done on-line and over the phone. There has been some positive feedback from the service users.

Even though there has been a culture change it is still person centred where appropriate and proportionate. Home visits are only carried out if absolutely necessary. A risk assessment is done, PPE is provided along with training, distancing rules apply, and the person has to be non-symptomatic. Not many have been done.

#### **7. Adult Social Care Forum (ASCF) and Feedback from other meetings**

The ASCF meetings have been cancelled until September. Graham is still distributing information and items to report can still be fed in.

GL has been part of a group looking at people with no recourse to public funds. The work should finish at the end of June with actions for the Councils.

The Healthwatch Community forums are taking place across the county as are the Partnership Boards all bar the LD board due to problems with the support the people with LD need to access meetings and some have no internet use.

## **8.Priorities for the board.**

Before Lockdown Graham met with Helen Duncan, Carol Williams, Sandie Smith and Oliver Haywood. The Boards have always been a critical friend to the Council. They have asked each Board to think about areas of work that the Boards feel important. This could be something the Council has not considered or something the Council are doing that the Boards could get involved in.

### **IDEAS**

Digital resilience/ access- Look at what is available, why people are missing out making sure that those who are not digitally enabled do not miss out.

Broader membership- There need to be more Independent Members with diverse disabilities and also work needs to be done to recruit more people from Peterborough and Fenland.

Hate crimes- particularly the rights around filming disabled people.

- Possibly form a subgroup
- Get Tiff Lane involved?
- Educate the public as to why it is unacceptable
- Educating people on how to report such incidents

## **9.Discussion around election of Chair and Vice Chair**

When the Boards merged it was agreed that the Boards would continue with their current Chairs for 6 months. This means it is now time the role of Chair and Vice Chair. The role description has been circulated and Graham would like to hear from anyone who might be interested. The position of both Chair and Vice Chair are open to Independent Members only and will be held at next partnership board meeting.

## **10.AOB**

Healthwatch are running a survey around experiences of health and social care during Covid19. We would like everyone to complete a survey. You can do this online or ask for a paper copy. The survey can be completed more than once as people will have different experiences at different times during this pandemic. There is no cut off time for this at present.

Visit our websites at: [www.healthwatchcambridgeshire.co.uk](http://www.healthwatchcambridgeshire.co.uk) or [www.healthwatchpeterborough.co.uk](http://www.healthwatchpeterborough.co.uk)

If you need a paper questionnaire, please contact us on 0330 355 1285, text 0752 0635 176 or email us at [enquiries@healthwatchcambspboro.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@healthwatchcambspboro.co.uk)

Healthwatch also have an AGM on July 22<sup>nd</sup> this is on Zoom. Graham will share details nearer the time.

**Next meeting - 18<sup>th</sup> August on Zoom 11-1. (10.45 pre meet for independent members)**