

SENSORY IMPAIRMENT PARTNERSHIP BOARD

22nd Sept 2020

Zoom meeting

Minutes

Attending

MS	Mick Scadden	Chair, Independent member
PB	Pauline Brown	Independent member
KR	Khadija Raza	Independent member
VS	Vera Shilling	Independent member
PMc	Paul McCloskey	Independent member
GL	Graham Lewis	Healthwatch
DD	Debbie Drew	Healthwatch
HM	Helena Melbourne	Sensory Impairment Team
EB	Erika Brown	Hunts Blind
NW	Nick Woods	Deaf/ blind UK
MT	Mandy Thompson	Peterborough association for Blind
JC	Jacky Cozens	PCC/CCC
MA	Mehmet Ahmet	Combined Authority
KC	Karen Chambers	Commissioner PCC/CCC
EP	Ekta Patel	PCC/CCC
KB	Karen Berkley	Peterborough City Council
LF	Lucy Forrest	TEC Manager, CCC

Apologies

JC	Jackie Cook	Independent member
RG	Ruth Godden	CambsDeaf

1. Welcome, Apologies, and Introductions

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

2. Minutes and Action Log

The minutes from 23rd June were approved.

Action Log

69-Being monitored

72-Due to Covid-19 this has not taken place.

73-Completed

75-Graham has been unable to get hold of Sandy

77-Maybe Helena could share some contacts

78-Stagecoach attended our transport meetings in the summer

79-Sati will be coming to the December meeting

80- No response from Isle of Ely Society for the blind.

81- Logged and raised with ASCF

82- This were addressed during the transport meetings in the summer

84-85 Completed.

3.Feedback from independent members.

MS reported that the bus company in the Isle of Wight uses an app that when you are at the bus stop it tells you what bus is approaching and if it is full/ how many people are on it.

PMc Cambridge Hearing Help have initiated a new scheme/ hearing aid service. People drop their hearing aids in in a sealed bag and can get them repaired. It is just about to start in Ely and will be available in East Cambs and St Ives soon. People must book as it will not be a drop-in service.

PB The tinnitus group have given out advice on how to get hearing aids repaired too. Also, people reported that the telephone GP consultations have worked a lot better than people thought they would.

4. Feedback from other meetings and ASCF

The ASCF has been postponed since March. A zoom meeting is scheduled for October. In the interim any issues have been carried upwards to Carol Williams or the appropriate commissioner, so work has continued.

We held 4 meetings in August on highways, public transport, taxis and community transport. Graham will be doing a report which will be out in October.

Some members of the Board attended a community engagement event organised by the TV licensing authority.

ACTION GL to share the information about the TV licensing campaign.

5. Update from Commissioner

EP- The council are keen for the uptake of direct payments to increase. There are organisations to support people with these. In Peterborough it is PCVS and in Cambridgeshire it is People Plus.

Lynne O'Brien is looking across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough at a need's assessment around bed-based care. They will be looking at the demands up to 2035.

KB Has been working around early intervention and Sarah Bye has been looking at the prevention framework.

We have been looking at how the hubs have worked and whether some of this work can be utilised. We are looking at the sensory framework and how we go forward with the contracts. Everything is on track to be completed as planned.

6.E Scooters- Mehmet Ahmet

The Combined Authority are looking at trials of introducing E Scooters initially in Cambridge City Centre. We are looking at other authorities who are already doing this.

Each scooter will have a clear number plate so people can be identified, Riders will need to produce a driving licence to prove who they are, and they have some road skills, Scooters are only allowed on roads, they have a speed restriction at 12.5 mph

There will be staff from the company- ambassadors- making sure that people are complying with the rules,

They will only be allowed to operate during the day to manage behaviours.

All scooters will be insured (fully comprehensive).

The plan is to have the scheme up and running by mid-October and we are awaiting confirmation of numbers of scooter that are to be available.

We will collect both quantitative and qualitative data to see

- Is there enough demand
- Peoples Views
- How well it works

If it is successful, we may look to the viability of it being in some of the market towns too.

We have had some stakeholder meetings and we would like to bring some scooters out to groups for them to see before the launch.

QU What about any audio on them so people can hear them approaching?

ANS They will all be fitted with bells

QU E bikes used shared space will these be able to do the same?

ANS No they are for road use.

QU Is there a course for people to attend?

ANS VOY have a safety school which takes people through the use and rules. It also can then do the vetting ie face recognition from driver's licence.

QU will there be any GPS tracking so it can be seen if the person has used scooter on the pavement?

ANS GPS at the moment cannot identify the difference between path and road so only the vicinity the scooter is in so they will not have it.

ACTION Mehmet to share his presentation with GL and GL to forward to group.

ACTION GL to do an email introduction between Helena and Mehmet.

ACTION GL to put update from Mehmet on next meetings agenda.

7. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Due to Covid-19 the opportunity for the Sensory Impairment Board to meet has not been there. As with other boards people have not felt confident to put themselves forward for the role of Chair or Vice Chair. A vote was taken for Mick Scadden and Paul McCloskey to continue as Chair and Vice Chair for the next 2 years. All were in agreement.

8. Experiences of Social Care During Covid-19- Jacky Cozens

The councils have produced a survey for staff and care providers around experiences during Covid-19 and now want to ask service users. All of the independent members of the partnership boards have been asked if they could fill a survey in.

It is very basic and aims to find out what has worked well, what hasn't and if there is anything that can be carried forward. There may be ways of working that could help everyone in the future.

The survey can be filled in on-line or Graham can either send a paper one out to you or help you complete it over the phone.

9. A Vision for domiciliary care- Karen Chambers

A document from Karen was shared before the meeting outlining a strategic vision for home care going forward.

The council are looking at Care at home, discharge from hospital, micro enterprises, and direct payments

The aim is to keep people as independent as possible and at home if possible. Karen asked what the top 4 considerations should be.

- Inconsistent timing is a problem- not just when carer delayed
- It can be quite difficult finding the care you need especially if self-funding
- How can people support themselves now to protect them for the future?
- People who are self-funding are worried about being able to continue supporting themselves when their funds are reduced. Would they still get the same level of support?

The discharge to assess - people are assessed either at home or at a care facility. There are 4 pathways:

1. No support required
2. Low level support- reablement
3. Interim bed care
4. Long term need.

10. Priorities for the Board

The priorities for the board are:

- Recruiting more members
- Transport- We held several meetings in the summer
- E Scooters- Mehmet came to meeting today and will feed back on the success of the scheme and any hiccoughs
- Digital- We hope to do an event in March around this. In the meantime, Graham and Debbie are attending meetings from different organisations etc around this.

11.AOB

Nick Woods has left Deaf/Blind UK and is now going to be working with homeless service. Peter Clare may step in in his place at this meeting for the time being.