



Learning Disability Partnership Board Minutes

14th May 2024

County Hall Meeting Room/MS Teams



Who was at the meeting?

Co-Chairs:

Rachel Barrett

Frances Kelsey

What they do:

Expert Member, SpeakEasy NOW

Lead Commissioner, Worcestershire County Council

Expert Members:

Sam Sinderberry

What they do:

Expert Member, SpeakEasy NOW

Supported by:

Gail Greer

What they do:

SpeakEasy NOW

Carer Reps:

Barbara Pugh

Chris Jordan

What they do:

Carer Rep

Carer Rep

Other Professionals:

Adam Jones

What they do:

Commissioning Manager, Worcestershire County Council

Aimee Davis	Commissioning Officer, Worcestershire County Council
Laura Westwood	Lead Commissioner, Worcestershire County Council
Jill Hughes	Group Manager, All Age Disability Service, Worcestershire Children First
Pam Johnson	Midland Mencap
Debbie Lamont	Healthwatch Worcestershire



People who couldn't come to the meeting:

Name:	What they do:
Lucy Hancock	Expert Member, SpeakEasy NOW
Morag Edmondson	SpeakEasy NOW
Adrian Hare	SpeakEasy NOW
Cassie Judd	Worcestershire Association of Carers
Alison Price	Carer Rep
Helen Reading	Carer Rep
Mel Smith	Worcestershire Association of Carers
Cat Bennett	Our Way
Zardia Shields	Midland Mencap
Mathew Gilbert	Where Next Association
Simon Adams	Healthwatch Worcestershire
Daniel Rogers	Midland Mencap
Adrian Symonds	West Mercia Police Equality & Diversity Advisor

Kerry McCrossan	Assistant Director, Adult Social Care, Worcestershire County Council
Natalie Lackenby	Area Learning Disabilities Manager South, Worcestershire County Council
Rachael Skinner	Deputy Chief Nursing Officer, NHS Herefordshire & Worcestershire Integrated Care Board
Richard Keble	Programme Director for Mental Health, Learning Disability & Autism, NHS Herefordshire & Worcestershire Integrated Care Board
Jack Caine	Senior Programme Lead, NHS Herefordshire & Worcestershire Integrated Care Board
Caroline Kirby	Transforming Care Lead, NHS Herefordshire & Worcestershire Integrated Care Board
Martin Gallagher	Healthwatch
Francesca Darby	Head of Learning Disability Services, Worcestershire County Council
Elaine Chape	Care Contribution Assessment Team, Worcestershire County Council
Richard Naylor	Service Manager for Learning Disabilities, Herefordshire & Worcestershire Health & Care Trust



Welcome, Introductions and Rules of the Meeting

Rachel welcomed everybody and introductions were made.



Minutes & Actions from the last meeting

Item:



Outstanding Actions:

- Fran to meet with Cat and Caroline to talk about Safe Places Scheme - Complete
- Andy to send the easy read information to SpeakEasy N.O.W. Health Checkers.
- Fran to meet Bridget Brickley to talk about the Charter that is being developed. Ref 1.9 of Year One Action Plan - Complete
- Aimee to send round the Expert Members Report with the Minutes - Complete
- Aimee to send round the Budget presentation to the Board - Complete
- Barbara to confirm the 30th June date with Nick - Complete
- Aimee to set up a Task and Finish Group to organise the event - Complete



Expert Members Report

Item:

Report:

(Appendix 1)

Sam read through the Expert Members Report.



Comments/Questions:

At the LD and Autism Programme Board, Expert Members spoke about top tips for Social Workers, and the Board asked if the Hereford Social Care Team have access to the document. Expert Members said in the spirit of sharing they would be happy to share this document with Hereford. Fran said the more collaboration the better so happy to share.

Young people engagement. Fran asked if this means there is going to be more expert members joining SpeakEasy. Gail explained that young people are increasingly not wanting to come to face to face meetings, most young people want to do the meetings online. Gail said SpeakEasy are hopeful this means there will be more young people joining meetings but in a hybrid way as this will work better for young people.



Actions:

- Aimee to send round the Expert Members Report with the Minutes.

Item:



How does the work in health feed back to the LDPB?

Fran explained to the Board we wanted an item on the agenda to talk about feedback loops into the Board with health colleagues.

Carers are feeling like there are fewer opportunities to feedback. Barbara said carers have not met with health (via Staying Healthy) for a long time and it would be useful to start the meetings in some capacity.

Fran suggested that a small number of the Board meet with health to plan how they will feed into the Board. This could be via a brief Highlight Report which summarises key LD Health issues and actions.

The joint LDPB was a really useful meeting where lots of health colleagues attended. However, the joint LDPB are not part of our formal governance process, it is good meeting twice a year but the Worcestershire LDPB really do need a health representative in attendance.



Actions:

- Aimee to set up a meeting with Jack Caine to discuss Health rep at the Board.

Highlight Reports

Item:

Report:



Right Support for Carers

(Appendix 2)

Fran read out the Highlight Report to the Board on behalf of carers.

SEND PfA Stakeholder Group

Aimee gave an update to the Board about the last meeting the SEND PfA Stakeholder Group held in March.



- Aimee to send the Highlight Report out with the minutes.

Annual update on LD Strategy

Fran went through a presentation updating the Board on how the first year of the LD Strategy has gone. The Board looked at each theme:



Theme 1 - A Place to Live, a Home – Some good progress has been made this year. There has been lots of planning for college leavers and there have been housing videos added on the Local Offer Page.

Chris and Adam are going to work together about the Shared Ownership Group.



Adam is going to give an update on the actions within the Year One Plan and send to Aimee who will update the Year One Action Plan.



Theme 2 - Communities which include everyone

Fran and Barbara are working on planning the event for the 30th June and this will be added as completed on the Year One Action Plan.

Sam told the Board that Expert Members have been working with Jo Stevens to make the website more accessible for people with Learning Disabilities.

Numbers are increasing at Speakeasy and the team are starting to hear more local issues.

Sam told the Board that Expert Members have been doing pop up groups within day care settings and he was very surprised how many people have never heard of SpeakEasy even though the organisation has been running for 20 years now.

Jill said SpeakEasy should be promoted on the Local Offer Website. Gail is going to link up Jill with Morag and Laura.

The Board discussed how unfair it was not being able to use bus passes before 9.30am, this means people cannot go about their day if they rely on these passes to get to

work, education, day opps. This issue needs to be raised at the Active Travel Stakeholder Group.

Gail to said there is a petition being circulated to try and get the hours of use for the bus pass changed and Gail will send the link round to the group.



Theme 3 - Purposeful Days. Fran and Aimee are going to meet with Chris Jordan to support with restarting the employment group, this group will link in with employers. Chris is having a meeting on 14.05.24 to progress and will update the Board.

The Supported Employment Team have a lot of positive news stories and communications that have been shared through County Council channels.

The uptake of Supported Internships has been really positive. Jill said at the moment she is looking at what the internship offer is for next year and which providers they will be working with. Most of the students are coming from HoW College instead of Regency. There are already 12 individuals coming through for next year's internship.



Theme 4 – Being Healthy Body and Mind

The joint Herefordshire and Worcestershire Learning Disability Partnership Board was a really good meeting.

There has been an uptake on the Health Action Plans, and these have increased.

Expert Members of LDPB are involved in the Healthy Lifestyles work. Adam said he is working with Rachael Skinner about the training to help people who support people with Learning Disabilities and this training information will be going on the ICS Academy.

Laura said the LD Assurance Boards are a good example of what has gone well as we are meeting and talking more.

Oliver McGowan Training (“OMT”) is going really well. Sam said he is enjoying delivering the training and has had some really positive feedback. Fran asked if we could we get some impact examples from providers who have done the training so we can receive feedback.

Laura said that examples from providers have been asked for at the Programme Assurance Board, however, the presentation was about training and the feedback was just about health settings. We have asked how many people have been on training, they have said they will provide this. Laura said she will feed the update back to the Board.

Pam said she was shocked at some of the questions that are being asked at the OMT sessions. One question was ‘I am led to believe by a doctor that learning disabilities can be cured’? Pam said this shows just how much the

training is needed. Pam said notes are being made about what questions are being asked and this question was noted.

The Board asked if Rachael Skinner could give an update on progress on the LeDeR Programme?

The Board asked if Richard Naylor could give an update to his actions on the Year One Plan.



Theme 5 – Life Changes

Jill has been doing lots of work on the Local Offer to give info to young people and families about what will be on offer when transitioning into adulthood.

Planning for the Future information – this is a number of years out of date so this is going to be updated. This is an ambition that we have to get updated, but this is moving quite slowly due to pressure of other priorities.

Pam said the events in Worcestershire about transitions (Life Beyond School) are great. Pam said could we move it up to the next level to talk about housing, wills, estates etc?

There has also been a housing video produced explaining what housing options are for families, so work has been done.



Theme 6 - Being Safe.

SpeakEasy held a Managing Risk Event, this was a very well attended event. Links have been made with the fire service.

Fran said she went to a community safety meeting and there is a lot going on there with the police and what funding is available.

Charter around Mental capacity and people having more of an understanding - Fran is going to follow up with Bridget to make sure we have the links.



Theme 7 - Right Support for Family Carers.

We are focused on having more carer reps for people with learning disabilities. Gone well: support for carers from Council point of view, respite services and making sure we have the right provision.

Specific actions for Year 2 action plan to be determined.



LD Strategy Year 1 Review Actions:

- Adam is going to give an update on the actions within the Year One Plan and send to Aimee who will update the Year One Action Plan.

- Jill said SpeakEasy should be promoted on the Local Offer Website. Gail is going to link up Jill with Morag and Laura.

- Fran/Aimee to raise the hours of use issue for bus passes at the next Active Travel Stakeholder Group.

- Gail to send the link to Aimee who circulate for the hours of use for bus passes petition.

- Chris Jordan to update the Board on how the employment meeting went on 14th May.

- Laura to provide feedback to the Board about the Oliver McGowan Training.

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Any Other Business

Aimee gave an update about how the planning for the next Joint Learning Disability Partnership Board was going.

Aimee said that the Herefordshire Team have proposed that the agenda looks at comparing Herefordshire's and Worcestershire's LD Strategies.

The LD Event planning is well underway and is going to be held on Sunday 30th June at the Trinity Church in Kidderminster. The flyer is going to be sent out soon.

Barbara said she has asked some of the scouts to help out on the day.

Chris Jordan said he will send out the flyer to all his contacts.

The LD Week theme this year is Do You See Me?

Speakeasy plan to do a lot of activities and events throughout LD Week.

Aimee is going to contact the WCC Comms Team to get some stories out on Social Media in the run up to LD Week.



Review and Confirmation of Actions

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- Fran to circulate the flyer for the LD event on 30th June.
- Fran and Barbara to meet up a couple of weeks before the LD Week
- Pam to send to Aimee and Fran information from Royal Mencap

Date of Next Meeting

Date:



Details:

Tuesday 23rd July 2024

11.00 am – 1.00 pm

Via Hybrid/MS Teams

The Meeting Room can only accommodate 20 people, please notify Fran if you want to attend “in person” nearer the time of the meeting using the LDPB email address:

LDPB@worcestershire.gov.uk



Appendices

Appendix 1 – Expert Members Reports

Appendix 2 – Right Support for Carers Highlight Report

Appendix 3 – SEND PfA Stakeholder Group Highlight Report