



Learning Disability Partnership Board Minutes
17th September 2024
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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

Mano Pathirana

What they do:

Expert Member, SpeakEasy NOW

Expert Member, SpeakEasy NOW

Supported by:

Morag Edmondson

Adrian Hare

What they do:

SpeakEasy NOW

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Carer Reps:

Chris Jordan

What they do:

Carer Rep

Other Professionals:	What they do:
Aimee Davis	Commissioning Officer, Worcestershire County Council
Adam Jones	Commissioning Manager, Worcestershire County Council
Jill Hughes	Group Manager, All Age Disability Service, Worcestershire Children First
Caroline Kirby	Head of LDA Admission Avoidance and Discharge, NHS Herefordshire and Worcestershire ICB
Julie Roycroft	Where Next Association
Debbie Lamont	Healthwatch Worcestershire
Jenny Hewitt	Worcestershire Association of Carers
Cassie Judd	Worcestershire Association of Carers
Julie Webber	Worcestershire Acute Trust
Emma Mackey	Lead Nurse for Patient Experience, LD Liaison Nurse, Worcestershire Acute Trust
Samantha Jauncey	LD Liaison Nurse, Worcestershire Acute Trust



People who couldn't come to the meeting:

Name:	What they do:
Lucy Hancock	Expert Member, SpeakEasy NOW
Alison Price	Carer Rep
Cat Bennett	Our Way
Daniel Rogers	Midland Mencap
Laura Westwood	Lead Commissioner, 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
Jack Caine	Senior Programme Lead, NHS Herefordshire & Worcestershire Integrated Care Board
Pam Johnson	Midland Mencap
Barbara Pugh	Carer Rep



Welcome, Introductions and Rules of the Meeting

Rachel welcomed everybody and introductions were made.



Minutes & Actions from the last meeting

Item:



Review of 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 - completed
- Laura to provide feedback to the Board about the Oliver McGowan Training – action no longer needed (update to be provided by ICB)
- Rachael Skinner to give an update on the LeDeR Programme at the September meeting – postponed
- The Board asked if Richard Naylor could give an update to his actions on the Year One Plan

- Aimee to send round the Expert Members Report with the Minutes - completed
- Board Members to email Aimee if they would like to be part of the Task and Finish Group and Aimee to set up the group.
- Aimee to send the Quality Review Report out with the Minutes – completed.
- Aimee to send the Right for Support for Carers and SEND PfA Highlight Reports out with the minutes – completed.
- Jenny to give an update on the Carer Voice Action Plan at the November meeting.
- Aimee to set up a meeting with Jill and Michele to review all the webpages – completed
- Chris to draft a report about the new Employment Sub-Group and send to Aimee who will forward round to Board Members and members of the Preparing for Adulthood Stakeholder Group – Chris to bring an update to the November Board about the Inclusive Worcestershire meeting that is taking place on 14th October



Expert Members Report

Item:

Report:

(Appendix 1)

Mano read through the Expert Members Report.

Comments/Questions:

Fran commented that it is great that Expert Members are getting out to more groups like the Active Travel Group to raise awareness and ensure that when consultations are taking place, they are including the needs of people with learning disabilities.

Sam said the Active Travel Group focused a lot on bike schemes and the use of bikes, he would have liked the opportunity to talk about public transport.

Fran explained to the Board that this is why we feel the Transport Task and Finish Group needs to be set up so that the wider transport issues can be discussed.

Debbie was interested to hear more about the work that is being done around Education Health and Care Plans and the Annual Reviews.

Expert Members said they have been holding regular sessions in HoW Colleges in Worcester and Redditch



and from September will be going to the Vale of Evesham and Kidderminster College to get more information. Expert Members will also be working with Worcestershire Children First to find out what feedback would be helpful and to make sure children and young people know what an Education Health and Care Plan is.



Actions:

- Aimee to send round the Expert Members Report with the Minutes.
- Aimee to set up a meeting with SpeakEasy to move forward the Transport Taks and Finish Group.



People's Parliament Report

Sam read through the People's Parliament Report about relationships.

Fran talked about how in the past the People's Parliament used to ask organisations to make pledges and take actions forward, and Fran said could there be a way to explore capturing actions moving forward?

Morag said there could be a way to gain some commitment from health and social care to ensure actions are included in support planning moving forward. Morag said the workshops work really well for people

with LD and the next stage could then be some targeted actions for organisations.

Adam said that in the Supported Living Specification there is a section about relationships which he could share with Morag.

The Board discussed building relationships and understanding what is on offer in the local community, Fran said there is a community directory service on the Council's website and also lots of information on the Local Offer Website.



Actions:

- Adam to send Morag the relationship section of the Supported Living Specification.
- Aimee to share the Community Directory link and the Local Offer website link round to the Board.
- Aimee to send round the People's Parliament Report with the Minutes.

Highlight Reports

Item:



Report:

Right Support for Carers

Cassie read out the Highlight Report. At the November meeting there will be a specific item around the Right Support for Carers Action Plan.



Having a Place to Live

Sam read out the Highlight Report.

Any specific examples of problems people are having with taxi companies need to be sent to Aimee for passing on to the Transport Task and Finish Group.

Adrian told the Board that there is a visit taking place after the Board to Samuel Place which is a supported living service. There will then be another visit planned for Brickfields on 15th October.

Cat from Our Way updated the Board about how she is supporting a lot of people with benefit payment issues. The Board talked about how there used to be a DWP Representative that sat on the Board and how it would be useful to find another representative.



- Board Members to forward any DWP contacts onto Aimee



Update from Worcestershire Acute Services

Julie Webber, Emma Mackey and Samantha Jauncey from the Worcestershire Acute Services joined the Board meeting to give an update on all the work the Acute Services are doing to improve patient experience when entering hospitals.

Emma and Sam have been asked to do some bespoke training at Worcester Royal Hospital. This training has been requested following on from several complaints people have made about coming into A&E, particularly around capacity and best interest assessments.

Emma and Sam can now access the electronic system records within the Acute which has been really helpful when supporting patients and being able to input information. At the moment this does not include hospital passports, but these will be included on the Sunrise System when it goes live. There will be an LD bundle with a checklist to help and prompt professionals.

Julie updated the Board on her area of work. There are meetings in the Trust every month to raise awareness across the divisions about people with LD and an Action Plan has now been developed. There are updates about the Oliver

McGowan Training, compliments and complaints, and the LD Policy. The meeting also looks at the Hospital Passports. The meeting has people with lived experience attending.

Morag informed the Board that Emma had attended a Health Checkers meeting earlier in the year to talk about hospital passports. At the meeting it was discussed the importance of having a one-page summary and these being developed before people go into hospitals. Health Checker, Tammy has been to Kidderminster Treatment Unit to talk about developing easy read information about wound care and day surgery.

Julie said there has also been visits to the Alex A&E Department to look at it from a sensory point of view. Julie said she is just waiting for the report to come through at the beginning of October. There was another visit taking place on 17th September to the Endoscopy Department.

A Dashboard is being developed and is going to have reasonable adjustments added to it when it is ready. The Dashboard will be ready in November.



Admission Avoidance – Caroline Kirby

Caroline presented an update on the Admission Avoidance Team and the work they have been doing. Aimee will forward the presentation round with the minutes.

One Board Member asked Caroline what the difference was between locked and secure hospitals. Caroline explained that locked hospitals are usually rehabilitation services where people are detained under the Mental Health Act. Secure services tend to be for people on a forensic pathway for example, being transferred from prison.

Fran said she has been involved in this work for a number of years now and it is really positive to see that there are such low numbers of admissions to locked or secure services. Caroline agreed and said it was great to see the numbers coming down in relation to admissions.

Caroline said the team now have a better understanding of the people that they support and how they can remain in the community. Providers are also taking positive risks and working to enhance skills out in the community.



- Aimee to send the Admission Avoidance Presentation round to the Board.

Learning Disability Strategy – Update on Year 1 Report



Fran gave an update on the LD Strategy Year One Report. Aimee will forward the presentation round to the Board with the Minutes.

Fran explained to the Board that the Being Well Strategic Group is now a Sub-Group of the Health and Wellbeing Board, and this group is where the updates and progress on the LD Strategy will go back to each year. Rachel, Sam and Fran are going to present to the group later this week.

Fran will feedback on the outcome of the presentation to the group at the November Partnership Board.

Any Other Business



Aimee informed the Board that the meetings for 2025 have now been set up and each member will have received the calendar invites.

Review and Confirmation of Actions (including actions rolled forward from last meeting)



- Aimee to send round the Expert Members Report with the Minutes.
- Aimee to set up a meeting with SpeakEasy to move forward the Transport Task and Finish Group.
- Adam to send Morag the relationship section of the Supported Living Specification.

- Aimee to share the Community Directory link and the Local Offer website link round to the Board.
- Aimee to send round the People’s Parliament Report with the Minutes.
- Board Members to forward any DWP contacts onto Aimee
- Aimee to send the Admission Avoidance Presentation round to the Board.
- Aimee to send the LD Strategy Year One Update round to the Board with the Minutes

Date of Next Meeting

Date:



Details:

Tuesday 19th November
11.00 am – 1.00 pm
Via Hybrid/MS Teams
Venue for meeting room to be confirmed.



Appendices

Appendix 1 – Expert Members Reports

Appendix 2 – People’s Parliament Report

Appendix 3 – Right Support for Carers Highlight Report

Appendix 4 – Having a Place to Live Highlight Report

Appendix 5 – Admission Avoidance Presentation

Appendix 6 – LD Strategy Year 1 update