



Learning Disability Partnership Board Minutes

23rd July 2024

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

Ray Gallier

What they do:

Expert Member, SpeakEasy NOW

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Supported by:

Gail Greer

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
Jill Hughes	Group Manager, All Age Disability Service, Worcestershire Children First
Mathew Gilbert	Where Next Association
Debbie Lamont	Healthwatch Worcestershire
Jenny Hewitt	Worcestershire Association of Carers
Cassie Judd	Worcestershire Association of Carers
Leigh Davis	Housing Officer, Worcestershire County Council
Hanna Webb	SpeakEasy NOW



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
Adam Jones	Commissioning Manager, 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
Caroline Kirby	Head of LDA Admission Avoidance and Discharge, 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:

- Aimee to send round the Expert Members Report with the Minutes – completed
- Aimee to set up a meeting with Jack Caine to discuss Health rep at the Board – completed.
- Aimee to send the Highlight Report out with the minutes – completed.
- 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 – to follow up.

- Jill said SpeakEasy should be promoted on the Local Offer Website. Gail is going to link up Jill with Morag and Laura – completed.
- Fran/Aimee to raise the hours of use issue for bus passes at the next Active Travel Stakeholder Group – completed.
- Gail to send the link to Aimee to circulate for the hours of use for bus passes petition – completed.
- Chris Jordan to update the Board on employment – completed .
- Laura to provide feedback to the Board about the Oliver McGowan Training – to follow up.
- Rachael Skinner to give an update on the LeDeR Programme – for September meeting.
- The Board asked if Richard Naylor could give an update to his actions on the Year One Plan – to follow up.
- Aimee to meet with WCC Comms Team to put information out on social media in the run up to LD Week – completed.

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



Item:

Expert Members Report

Report:

(Appendix 1)

Sam read through the Expert Members Report.

Comments/Questions:

Expert Members raised some additional issues for the Board to discuss.

1. Expert Members would like to invite other members from Speakeasy to come to the Board on a regular basis. Usually, it is Rachel and Sam who attend so they feel it would be good for others to attend too.
2. Expert Members raised the ongoing issues around transport. Bus passes are still not being able to be



used before 9.30am meaning lots of people cannot get to their place of work, appointments or meetings they may have.

3. Taxis are an ongoing issue with companies not picking people up based on where they live and reportedly discriminating against people with disabilities. Some Board Members have been putting together some real-life case studies.

The Board agreed that these issues need to be picked up and actioned. A Task and Finish Group is going to be set up to focus on the transport issues. The LDPB will then write a letter detailing all the concerns people have around transport.



Actions:

- Aimee to send round the Expert Members Report with the Minutes.
- Board Members to email Aimee if they would like to be part of the Task and Finish Group.
- Aimee to set up a Transport Task and Finish Group.



Quality Review Visits

Ray read a Report to the Board about their visit to Freedom Day Centre.

Fran told the Board that as part of the Having a Voice Contract, WCC are asking SpeakEasy to go out and visit some Positive Days Services and Supported Living services to obtain the views and feedback from people who attend them.

Fran said how pleased she was that the feedback was so positive about one of WCC's contracted providers.

Gail fed back how good it was to see how Freedom have managed to overcome transport issues by having their own. This means the people who attend this provision get to go out a lot more and do lots of different things within the community.

Fran said that a lot of our providers do also offer transport which is a really good option.



Actions:

- Aimee to send the Quality Review Report out with the Minutes.

Learning/Provision/Service Highlight Report Form	
Name:	
Address:	
Postcode:	
Phone:	
Mobile:	
What's gone well since last report?	
What still needs to be done since last report?	
Comments and notes:	

Highlight Reports

Item:



Report:

Right Support for Carers

(Appendix 2)

Jenny Hewitt gave an update on Right Support for Carers and Carers Voice Action Plan.

Jenny said there is a Delivery Plan that focuses on the action plan and dashboard reporting.

Jenny talked about Disability Related Expenditure and some of what it covers. Jill Hughes is interested in finding out more so that the information can be promoted via social media.

SEND PfA Stakeholder Group

Aimee gave an update to the Board about the most recent meeting of the SEND PfA Stakeholder Group in July.



Actions:

- Aimee to send the Right for Support for Carers and SEND PfA Highlight Reports out with the minutes.
- Jenny to give an update on the progress of the Carer Voice Action Plan at the November meeting.



Update about the SEND Local Offer

The Local Offer has been available since 2014 however the feedback received was the site did not do what it needed to do and people said they could not find what they were looking for.

Over the last 12 months there has been a coproduction project to improve the Local Offer. Jill gave the Board a tour of the new website and showed how the information is set out.

The site had a soft launch in November 2023 and now there are leaflets, posters and QR codes ready to go out to different events to promote the site.

Aimee is in the process of reviewing the LD webpages so it would be useful to link up with Jill and Michele to ensure that all the different webpages link together.

- Aimee to set up a meeting with Jill and Michele to review all the webpages.

Preparing for Adulthood Audit:

Jill explained to the Board that each year NDTi provide a spreadsheet that is split into 8 sections that is RAG rating all services. This was completed with young people, parent carers, agencies and stakeholders.



NDTi gave feedback to Worcestershire Children First and as a result of that feedback, they came to do some specific training around creating a vision, short breaks and transition from education into adult life.

This year's spreadsheet is not quite complete but what the information is showing is that most areas are seeing an upward trend and lots of areas are showing an improvement.



Any Other Business

Chris Jordan gave an update to the Board about the progress he has made in setting up the new Employment Sub-Group. Chris has joined the Worcestershire Ambassadors, and he is rejoining the Chamber of Commerce to reconnect with the right people. Chris attended the Employment Forum which was very good to make further connections.

Chris confirmed two people from the business sector have agreed to join the Group and someone from Kidderminster College.

The first meeting of the Employment Sub-Group is going to take place in mid-October.

Chris said that the Emily Jordan Foundation has taken on two new contracts for paid work starting in September. There are now 8 live projects, and the foundation needs more people with learning disabilities to join. Chris is talking to advocacy services in Kidderminster to get these people on board.

- Chris to draft a report about the new Sub-Group and send to Aimee who will forward round to Board Members and members of the Preparing for Adulthood Stakeholder Group.



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

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- 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.
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Date of Next Meeting

Date:



Details:

Tuesday 17th September
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 – Right Support for Carers Highlight Report

Appendix 3 – SEND PfA Stakeholder Group Highlight Report

