



Learning Disabilities Partnership Board

Meeting	Date	Time	Location
Learning Disabilities Partnership Board Meeting	8 th September 2016	10.00 am – 1.45pm	City Hall
Attendees			
Joe Mairura	Interim Service Manager – Co Chair		
Alistair Henderson :	Planning & Development Manager, Lead Officer LDPB		
Jeffery Osborne :	Regular Co Chair & Service User Representative		
Mary Moore :	City of Bristol College		
Laura Coke :	Service User Representative – Co Chair for today		
Andy Bright	Provider Representative (Brandon Trust)		
Mandie Lewis :	Family Carer Representative		
Valerie Stone :	Family Carer Representative		
Chris Chart	Carers Support Centre		
Cathy Truman :	Service User Support		
Clive Gray	Public Health		
Richard Sayer	Clinical Services Manager - BCH		
Claire Hayward :	Provider Representative (Freeways Trust)		
Paula French :	CCG Commissioning LD & MH		
Tracy Smith	Health Trainers Manager		
Keith Bates :	Employment Lead		
Aly Fielden	CCG Agenda item 4		
Rick Cooper	CCG Agenda item 4		
Sheren Wyatt	Sixteen Cooperative Agenda item 8		
Geraldine Summers	Planning & Development Manager Agenda item 7		
Dr Daphne Tranter	Healthwatch Representative		
Martin Walsh	Team Manager		
Carole Adams	CLDT - Health Sub Group		
Alison Sutton :	Housing Lead		
Vicki Jefferies :	Bristol South Drop in / PMLD champion		
Adrian Millar	Travel Buddies / Service User		
Bella Edwards	Travel Buddies / Service User		
Helder Pedro	Travel Buddies Coordinator		
Apologies			
Mike Hennessey :	Service Director BCC / Co-Chair		
Sam Radford	Family Carer representative		
Helen Pitches	Strategic Commissioning Manager		
David Soodeen	GP		
Carol Watson	Head of Birth – 25 service		

Item	Discussion Points/ Outcomes & Actions	Actions
1.	<p>Introductions & Apologies</p> <p>LC Chaired the first half of the meeting and welcomed members and speakers. Introductions were made and apologies noted. There were no declarations of interest. Items were agreed for AOB see item 9</p>	
2.	<p>Update and Future Agendas Alistair Henderson</p> <p>Firstly AH announced that he will be leaving his job with Bristol City Council at the end of September.</p> <p>Members will have heard that Bristol City Council is to lose 1,000 jobs; a reduction of 16% in staff will change how the council does things and this has implications for the LDPB. However, as a statutory board it will continue and members should keep 8th December in their diaries for the next LDPB at City Hall in room IP06 starting at 10.00</p> <p>A handover of systems, membership details and planned agendas will be done by AH. At the moment we cannot say in which section of the Council this will sit or who the lead contact will be, this concerned members which AH will refer to Mike Hennessey – Service Director.</p> <p>ML said that AH will be missed and thanked him for his work on the Learning Disabilities Partnership Board.</p> <p>AH talked about pending agenda items and after discussion members agreed the following as priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LD Mortality Review – update in December from Norah Fry Research • Travel buddies update December • Bristol Learning City • Safeguarding Adults • Hate Crime • Quality Assurance <p>AH to record this in the Action List for follow up work.</p>	<p>AH / MH</p> <p>AH</p>
3	<p>Matters arising from Work / Sub group reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providers <p>The issue of payments to elected service users representatives was discussed in the context of what DWP may want to know. Over a year this would certainly not go over permitted work. KB agreed to provide further guidance from DWP to AH for circulation</p>	<p>KB</p> <p>AH</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health <p>CA talked through the Health report. CA agreed to investigate the issue of ear syringing being available at some surgeries and not others.</p> <p>Members were keen to raise the profile and use of health passports in hospitals. PF agreed to take this to the correct forum in the CCG and AH suggested people quote the need to adhere to the Accessible Information Standard for peoples' communication choices.</p> <p>CA described the challenges faced by the health group including attendance and asked that they are made aware asap when an officer is allocated to the LDPB so they can invite this person to a future Health group meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment <p>KB talked through the report emphasising the need to link with Bristol Learning City, he also talked about the internships and for students that start on 12.09.16. and an event for Family Carers on 13th October.</p>	
4	<p>Improving Access to Psychological Therapies</p> <p>Aly Fielden & Rick Cooper</p> <p>AF and RC talked to an Easy Read presentation that will be circulated to members.</p> <p>Talking therapies are easier to access than many other forms of support. The team get 1,000 referrals a month. The service is free and confidential. As well as 1:1 support there are some group sessions. The presentation also included who the services may not be suitable for.</p> <p>KB asked about support for people who are anxious about starting a new job e.g. a person with LD starting work for the first time. RC said this would be highly appropriate for assistance including work on self-esteem.</p>	AH
5.	<p>Service User Questions and Comments Laura Coke / Cathy Truman</p> <p><u>Job Losses</u></p> <p>LC asked about what this would mean for people with LD. JM talked about work being done to minimise impact. The initial priority is to protect front line service and make sure vulnerable people are safe.</p> <p><u>Advocacy Update</u></p> <p>AH read out an update from Helen Pitches Strategic Commissioning Manager that will be e mailed to members and an easy read version will follow. This lead to an open discussion due to a significant level of concern and comments from members included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern that advocacy is not a priority despite the Care Act • Only minimum legal requirements being delivered. 	AH HP

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is 2 ½ years since People First closed and all we have done is talked. • It is on a back burner and never was a priority. • Where is the accountability; all worked stopped after Sonia Moore left. • People with LD deserve better • There are no independent user groups and reference to the voluntary sector prospectus is a smoke screen • No regular service user and co chair support • Who will recruit new service user reps. <p>As a result of the strength of meeting, AH agreed to make Senior Managers aware particularly as service users and family carers were saying they felt their opinions are not valued.</p> <p>CT said that arrangements for her support to SU representatives was “a temporary arrangement for a few meetings” back in March 2014. Is there an assumption that I am to continue? AH to refer question to Commissioning Officers.</p> <p><u>Hate crime</u></p> <p>LC talked about the importance of reporting hate crime. AH is aware of easy read information soon to be available and will e mail copies to members.</p>	<p>AH /MH</p> <p>AH</p> <p>AH</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Family Carers Report Chris Chart & Family Carer reps</p> <p>Report circulated in advance.</p> <p><u>Care Assessments and reviews</u></p> <p>JM described how assessments have to be prioritised. The time scales on one case are particularly concerning and JM asked that AH be contacted with details so that this can be investigated outside of the board meeting.</p> <p>Action Carers reps / AH/ JM</p> <p>Carers know that no one is allocated a Social worker for life, but they are worried about cases already known being allocated to new social workers when others know the history. This results in forever having to start again.</p> <p>Carers feel there is still a loss of skills since teams have become generic. JM described such structures as the way many Local Authorities are going in order to deliver a fairer system for disabled and older people.</p> <p>Carers are also concerned about the limited knowledge social workers have regarding the range of choices regarding housing options and they are worried that service users and carers wishes for where they live are lost when Social workers hand over to care brokers</p>	<p>Cares AH / JM</p>

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	<p>AH to make MH aware of the strength of feeling, it may be that a more specific report from family Carers outside of the LDPB would help Senior Manager give a full response to carers regarding systems and practice in Care Management.</p> <p><u>Case Discussion forum</u></p> <p>As this is not an open forum due to confidentiality, carers asked about how it works.</p> <p>JM and PF talked about representation from Bristol City Council and the Clinical Commissioning Group. At the meetings staff check and challenge representation to ensure that the most appropriate services are provided.</p> <p>CA said that representatives from the CLDT often attend to give specialist advice and information.</p> <p>JM is reviewing the process of how the forum works and will give an update at a future meeting.</p> <p><u>Personal Relationships</u></p> <p>Carers raised the subject of how people with LD are supported when they want to have a physical loving relationship.</p> <p>CH and AB described how providers give information, provide support, assist with choices and work with capacity issues.</p> <p>AH agreed to e mail recent advice from NDTi to members.</p>	<p>AH - Carer reps</p> <p>JM</p> <p>AH</p>
7.	<p>Adult Social Care Strategic Plan update - Geraldine Summers</p> <p>Further to the easy read report that had been circulated in advance, GS gave an update on the Adult Social Care Strategic Plan and described how responses to the presentation in June had been included in the development of the plan.</p> <p>GS described the three tier model of support and JM agreed to send AH further information on this for circulation</p> <p>Further feedback from today was recorded for consideration; AH to e mail this to members.</p> <p>In talking about the support model BE talked about how her journey to independent living started by her picking up a leaflet about Keyring http://www.keyring.org/home when she used to attend a day service. Members saw this as a great example of how getting the right information advice and guidance can change lives.</p>	<p>JM / AH</p> <p>AH</p>
8	<p>Job Coaching: Sixteen Co-operative Ltd Sheren Wyatt</p> <p>Sheren talked about how the Sixteen Cooperative use an evidenced based approach to supporting people with LD into work and staying employed. The presentation will be sent out to LDPB e mail group.</p>	<p>AH</p>

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	With the agreement of Sam and his family Sheren talked about an example of a good news story where after some ups and downs Sam had found a perfect job with possibility of longer term employment.	
9	<p>Any Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial assessments for Direct Payments <p>Carers are concerned about inflexibility from Council staff doing financial assessments for people reiving Direct Payments. This is not just a one off. AH aware of one particular concern that will be referred to MH – service Director outside of the board.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disability Manifesto for Bristol. <p>ML is concerned about whether people with LD were consulted in the process of drawing up the manifesto and that it has no reference to carers. AH to pass on contact for ML to express concern to Bristol Disability Equality forum.</p>	<p>AH / MH</p> <p>AH/ ML</p>
10	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Thursday 8th December</u> 10.00 – 2.00pm at City Hall Room IP06</p>	All