

Minutes from the Learning Disability Partnership Board (LDPB) Meeting on Wednesday 23 March At Hatters Space Community Centre, Nuneaton



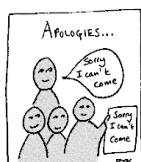
Jo-An Golding chaired the meeting with Neil Roberts (Co-Chair)

1. Who Came to the Meeting?

- Jo-An Golding - Chair, Warwickshire Police
- Pawlina Clemons - Service Manager, Social Care and Support WCC
- Cllr Jose Compton - Councillor, WCC
- David Price - Family Carer
- Lina Patel - Learning Disability Commissioner, WCC
- Helena Wallis - Service Provider, Heart of England Mencap
- Doreen Woodward - Service Provider, New Directions
- Hardip Johal - Commissioning Support Officer, WCC
- Tim Corkery - Post 16 Planning and Quality Officer, WCC
- Leon Kokkinos - Commissioner, Learning and Achievement, WCC
- Rachel Faulkner - Learning and Development Service Manager, WCC
- Annette Skermer - Manager, WEST Team, WCC
- Suzanne Morrison - Service Provider/Carer Rep, Eco-Workshop
- Liam Abraham - Learning Disability Rep
- Laura Bartley - Learning Disability Rep
- Neil Roberts - Learning Disability Rep
- Louise Spicer - Empowerment Worker, Grapevine
- Danny Parrot - Empowerment Worker, Grapevine
- Emma Mold - Empowerment Worker, Grapevine
- Colin Tiwidale - Service Provider, Independent Support Solutions
- Ali Cole - Arden and Gem Commissioning Support
- Roxanne McKay - Manager, Enhanced Support and Transition Team CWPT

Words in **blue** have been included in a list at the end of the minutes to help understand them better.

2. Apologies



Deborah Smith, Davina Clare, Hannah Delaney, Lucy Gillings, Sherryl Gaskell, Philomena Humphries, Doris Sheridan, Mrs Overton, Kim Bairstow, Mick Curry

People who shared information



Lina Patel, Suzanne Morrison, Annette Skermer, Leon Kokkinos, Tim Corkery, Ali Cole and Roxanne Mckay

3. Minutes from previous meeting



- Members of the board were reminded to read information and paperwork in preparation for the meeting.
- Page 5: Shared Lives Scheme and information about funding. There is an asterisk (*) against some of the figures however there is no reference as to what this means. **Action:** To provide clarity on this.
Update: The asterisk (*) means an approximate value and so the figure (number) may change.



- **Shared Lives Scheme feedback** - Sue Green, Warwickshire County Council, held an **exhibition** to officially launch the joint Shared Lives project with Coventry City Council.



- There were no actions outstanding from the previous Learning Disability Partnership Board Meeting.
- Board members were reminded to use the traffic light cards during the meeting.

4. Ice Breaker



- The Learning Disability Reps had come up with an ice-breaker and asked people to write down - 'What did you have on your pancake on pancake day'?

5. It's my Life' Delivery Plan Overview and Update - Lina Patel



- Cllr Jose Compton said that she would like to thank the Learning Disability Reps for their involvement at the Overview and Scrutiny Meeting.
- Joint Health and Social Care Framework (SAF) 2014/2015 - further information will be shared by **IHAL** (the SAF administrator) in April.
- The Transforming Care Action Plan is progressing well. Ali Cole will provide an update today.

Housing Update



- Specialist Housing is Sheltered Housing and Extra Care and usually for older people but can also be for young people and people with a learning disability.
- The target is to have 200 specialised homes by 2020. This is going well with 45 homes already built and there are 15 homes being built.
- Planning permission has been granted for a further 85 homes and planning applications for a further 35 homes have been submitted.
- Supported living is housing with care and support built around the person's needs, so that the person is able to live in the community independently. The [tender](#) for this service went out in February 2016.
- The supported living [tender](#) also includes services for people with physical disability, mental health needs and dementia (as well as people with a learning disability and/or Autism).
- Residential and Nursing Care Home provide care for people in a residential setting. The [tender](#) went out for this in January 2016.
- Warwickshire County Council has been working jointly with South and Warwickshire North [Clinical Commissioning Group](#) to look at how Care Homes are [commissioned](#) across Warwickshire for older people and/or adults with high support needs. The new contracts are due to start on 1st September.

Learning Disability Community Hubs



- Warwickshire County Council currently [commission](#) seven mental health hubs and six learning disability hubs.
- The contracts for the hubs are due to end on 31 May 2016. The [tender](#) for this service has been evaluated and will start on 1 July 2016.
- Further details about the Community Hubs Contract will be shared at the next meeting.

Shared Lives Scheme



- The Shared Lives pilot scheme was officially launched on 12 February and is aiming to recruit and train up to 8 Shared Lives family carers who will offer 10 support placements for people.

Carers Plan and Support Service



- The Carers' Support contract ends in November 2016. A Carers' Plan 'Statement of Intent' will be put together which will go out to public consultation in April.
- A new carers support service will go out to tender in April/May 2016 with the new service starting on 1 December 2016.

Carers Week



- Guideposts will be holding events on 7 June and 9 June to promote the service and this is also an opportunity to speak to hidden family carers.

6. Eco Workshop, Community Interest Company – Suzanne Morrison



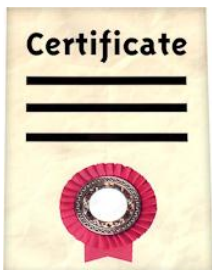
- Eco Workshop provides work related activities for adults with Autism and/or a Learning Disability. They are a Social Enterprise and not for profit company.
- The sessions aim to help people build on their work and life skills as people tend to leave college and school and do not have the opportunity to use the skills that they have gained.
- The type of work carried out is mainly received from factories such as assembly work and building components.
- Suzanne said that people do not have to come and socialise and interact with other people if they do not wish to, and people are able to work at their own pace.
- The sessions are about breaking down barriers and making people aware of their abilities.
- Please go to the following webpages for the full presentation:
<http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/LDPBPapers>

7. Warwickshire Employment Support Team (WEST) - Annette Skermer



- WEST support people with a learning disability, Autism and Asperger's syndrome to gain paid employment and also provide long term support.
- The team work with Department for Works and Pensions to make sure people are not financially worse off by being employed.
- The team work with a lot of people who do not get past the application stage of applying for a job and so WEST are able to work with the employers and arrange a working interview.
- WEST also support people with travel training in order to access work by helping to find bus routes and bus timetables.
- They work with the Special educational needs disability (SEND) team within schools and colleges to promote the service and encourage people to think about employment for people when they leave school.
- Please go to the following webpages for the full presentation:
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8. Preparation for adult hood work related support - Tim Corkery



- As part of the Carers Act 2014 the aim is to develop the services we have for young people aged 16-25 with special educational needs. This involves working with schools, colleges and partners.
- There are eleven **workstreams** set up looking at different areas such as information guidance and advice; the **workstreams** involve parents. One of the **workstreams** is working on 'preparation for adulthood'.
- There are groups in South Warwickshire and North Warwickshire, looking at the qualifications people are leaving school and college with, and also the **expectations** of parents and family carers.
- We have also found out that not all colleges are able to support people to gain the necessary skills to live independently. There is £35,000 available to help develop courses aimed at this supporting with this.
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9. Work Related Learning Opportunities – Leon Kokkinos



- Leon apologised for the jargon and abbreviations in his presentation.
- Nuneaton and Bedworth has the highest number of people for Year 9, 10 and 11 for special educational needs. North Warwickshire has the lowest number of people.
- Warwickshire are not fully providing for the needs of students with behavioural and emotional needs for people with a moderate Learning Disability. Communication barriers with people may result in difficult to progress in education.
- Leon said that more work needs to be done to find out the health and social care needs of people who are aged 16 to 19.



Post 16 (After the age of 16) Education Pathway

- A **transition** plan needs to be put together for people aged over 16 going into local colleges.
- 30% of young people who have a statement of special educational needs and 22% with a diagnosed disability were not in education, employment and training (NEET) at the age of 18 compared to 13% of their peers according to the Ofsted report 2011. Please see link for further information: [Post 16 SEND Report](#)
- Discovery Academy in Nuneaton (sponsored by the McIntyre Group) has been open since September 2015 and supports children and young people, aged 9 – 19 years who have an Education, Health and Care Plan for autism or a social, emotional or mental health need. For more information go to: [Discovery Academy](#)
- There are plans for a free school in Rugby to open in September 2017 and will be a similar service as the Discovery Academy and by the same sponsors. See the link for more details: [Free Special Needs School Rugby](#)
- Leon explained that they have found that more people are now attending day courses and fewer people are going into residential care education.



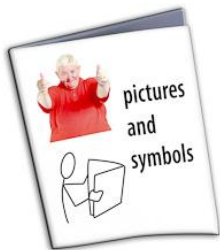
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10. Learning Disability Community Hubs – Colin Tiwidale



- Community Hubs provide advice and information for people with a learning disability, support for people and help people get work. The Hubs will also support people who are not **eligible** for services and help people with benefits advice.
- The Hub in Rugby is a Community Café and offers volunteering opportunities to help people gain work experience.
- Volunteers are then supported to move into employment. The Hubs support people to develop skills through work ready courses, travel training and help to meet employers.
- The Hubs work with local colleges in Warwickshire to help in developing work experience opportunities for people aged 19 and over.
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11. Board Members Feedback on 'My Work Life'



- LD Reps said that they felt there was a lot of jargon and difficult words, and people should not use graphs and abbreviations.
- Lina said that presentation guidelines were sent to people presenting at the meeting today to help with making the information accessible.
- An explanation for abbreviations will be circulated with the minutes.

Vote



- **Members voted on the progress of Statement of Intent My work life: Voted: OK**

12. Transforming Care Update - Ali Cole



- The Transforming Care programme is a national programme across the Country.
- We are working with Coventry, Hertfordshire, Worcestershire and Solihull to reduce the number of people with challenging behaviour going into hospital if they do not need to. We were given some money to help carry out the work and make changes.
- There is a small group being set up with representatives from Coventry & Warwickshire LDPB, Autism PB and an invite has been sent to the Solihull LDPB.
- 'The Enhanced Team' has been set up which includes nurses, support workers and other professionals. The team will help and support people who are already in hospital or at risk of going into hospital. The team will also work with other services such as GPs.
- A Mental Health Acute Liaison Nurse will also join the team. There are already Learning Disability Liaison Nurses in each of the hospitals who work with people with a Learning Disability to make sure they get the right support. We now have a Nurse to help with people and mental health issues.
- Part of the Transformation Programme Plan is to close the Gosford ward by the end of September 2016 and review all respite services.

'Living my Life' DVD



- The 'Living my life' DVD has now been launched and includes a number of real life stories. It talks about how important it is to give personalised support for individuals in their own home.
- The DVD will be shared with staff who support people with autism and/or learning disability and can be used as training tool.

13. Enhanced Support Team - Roxanne McKay



- The Enhanced Support Team has been set up as part of the Transforming Care Programme and will help and support people who are having a difficult time for any reason and or maybe causing harm to themselves and would normally get admitted into hospital.
- The team will also work with service providers and offer positive behaviour support to people with behaviours that may be challenging. Regular reviews and ongoing advice and support will be offered.
- The team will not be taking open referrals at the moment as the team is still being developed.
- NHS England has asked Warwickshire Transforming Care Group to look at people who are at risk of going into hospital.
- The team are keen to talk to families and providers who have been recognised for the [enhanced transitional pathway](#). This will help to understand the best way to work with staff who support people with a Learning Disability and Autism with training needs.
- The Enhanced Team are based at Wood End Coventry. For further information contact Roxanne McKay, Team Manager, email: roxanne.mckay@covwarkpt.nhs.uk
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14. Learning Disability Reps Feedback



- Liam said that he has joined the Transforming Care Group and went to the February meeting. West Midlands Regional Forum took place last month and there were different groups from around the region talking about Transforming Care and the work that is happening across the country. Liam said that the number of people in hospitals has gone down across the country.
- Laura talked about the Peer Review Training sessions on annual health checks and hospital passports at the LD Community Hub. She said that there are a lot of people with a learning disability who still do not know what a Health Check is about.

'My Work Life' theme



- 'Speaking up' group members went to 'Change Equality in Employment' Event in Leeds last month and shared information on research which has shown that the best way to get a job and keep a job for people with a learning disability, is to have a supported work placement.
- LD rep, Tom is doing some work experience at Asda Supermarket.
- Joanne and Grapevine were invited to meet with Natalie Bennett, Leader of the Green Party at Works4Me in Rugby. Joanne told her about how people who are on zero contract hours have to pay to go to employment.
- There is an advert out at the moment for a new LD Representative for the Nuneaton area, to join the LD Board. The closing date is Tuesday 19 April. For further information contact Grapevine or Clare at ISS Community Hub in Nuneaton.
- Lina, Liam and Emma and Suzanne will be interviewing today for a LD Provider Rep to join the Board.

15. Any Other Business






- Suzanne (Family Carer Rep) said Peter Jackson, Rugby Carer has asked her to raise a query about his concern about £1.3 million funding **reduction** and would like to know if there is any further information on the impact of this funding **reduction**.
- Lina said that Caroline Potter gave a presentation in January and she explained that this was related to Housing Related Support (HRS). Caroline is unable to provide any further detail at the moment other than the information she gave during the presentation. An officer who is involved in the Housing Related Support work will be invited to a future meeting to provide further information on this area.
- Liam said that the LD Reps should be paid for their role on the Partnership Board. Lina said that she understood it was a volunteering role, however will look into this.

16. Date of next meeting



The next meeting will take place on **Wednesday 18 May** at **The Sydni Centre, Leamington Spa** at **10:15am - 2pm**.

Actions List

Actions from 23 March Meeting		By when
	Hardip to send out a list of explanations for abbreviations used in the presentations at meeting.	May Meeting
	Hardip to invite a Housing Related Support Officer to provide further information about funding reduction.	Future Meeting
	Hardip to confirm position about paying LD reps for attending LD Partnership Board Meetings.	May Meeting

Glossary – what some of the hard to understand words mean

Hard word	Meaning
Clinical Commissioning Groups	Clinical Commissioning groups (CCGs) are groups of family doctors and other health professionals who make decisions about funding for health services.
Commission/Commissioned	To look at and buy a service.
Eligible	An assessment takes place to see if you are entitled to something. For example benefits or services.
Enhanced Transitional Pathway	The process of supporting people who reach adulthood to make sure they receive the right services to support them.
Exhibition	An event which may include a fair or a show.
Expectations	To expect the result of something.
GP's	General Practitioner or a Doctor.
IHAL	Improving Health and Lives of people with a learning disability organisation
Reduction	To make less or reduce something
Statement of Intent	Our Plan for people with learning disabilities living in Warwickshire.
Tender (contracts)	Opportunity for providers to apply for a contract for a service.
Workstream	A group of people working together on a set of tasks to complete a project.