

Learning Disability Partnership Board
21/03/17 – Bromyard Room Plough Lane

Attending;

Name	Job Title / Representing	Organisation
Kath Bird	Home/care supported living	Salters Hill Charity
Claire Reynard		Salters Hill Charity
Judith Loveridge	Herefordshire Carers Support Representative	Herefordshire Carers Support
David Davies	Shared Lives manager	Ategi
Debbie Hobbs	HVOSS representative	Herefordshire NAS
Rob Gorle	Parent Carer	
Gill Gorle	Parent Carer	
Fiona Richie	HAT	Echo
Rose Hunt		Herefordshire Mencap
Helun Sandiford		WISH
Laura Ferguson		Herefordshire Council
Carla Preston	Engagement lead	Herefordshire Council
John Gorman	Commissioning (Adults wellbeing)	Herefordshire Council
Paul Choppen	Partnership board assistant	Herefordshire Council

Apologies

Jayne McGlone		Family Carer
Rosie Wooderson	HAT	Affinity Trust
Ian Harper	Service quality director	Aspire
Barbara Browne	Executive assistant	Aspire

Minutes

Introductions, Previous minutes

John welcomed everyone and asked everyone to introduce themselves. John then recapped the previous minutes.

Matters Arising

Publicity - Paul is communicating with Andie Jordon about getting the LDPB minutes uploaded to the Council new website

Prevent - Due to time constraints at this meeting Paul will ask Neville Meredith to do his Prevent presentation at the next LDPB meeting on the 13 June. .

Herefordshire's Special Education Needs plan has been reviewed favourably by OFSTED.

Housing Fiona gave Carla Echo's participates feedback on a Easy Read Housing Survey.

Agenda Item Due to unforeseen circumstances Jacinta Meighan Davies was not able to attend the meeting to discuss the Diabetes Prevention Programme. Paul will liaise with Jacinta and get this item on the agenda for the next LDPB meeting on June 13th

WISH- Helun Sandiford

Helun showed the group the WISH website and discussed upcoming changes she would like to make to the website as a result of provider and public feedback. Changes included:

- Improving the relevance of the search results.
- Adding a PA (Personal Assistant) Directory Finder onto the website.
- Allow individuals to add services they run onto WISH
- Being able to find local activities.
- Adding a newsfeed to the front page of the website.

Helun said it would take between 3 and 6 months for any changes to be made.

Fiona asked Helun whether WISH was able to analyse how many hits a third party website got as a result of user using a hyperlink on WISH. Helun said WISH currently could only provide feedback on how many users clicked on local links within the WISH website itself.

It was also pointed out that there was no help guide to using WISH within the website.

If anyone would like to be involved in any future working group to improve WISH or have further question for Helun please email her at hsandifort@herefordshire.gov.uk.

Carla then showed the group the Easy Read pages she had been uploaded to WISH. Carla asked members to share with the people they work with and get back to her with any changes. She also offered to go out to groups to show people and gain feedback directly if required

Click [here](#) to see the Easy Read pages If you have any more suggestions or questions for Carla please feel free to email her at cpreston@herefordshire.gov.uk

Brandon Trust Update - Laura Ferguson

Laura informed the group that Brandon Trust would cease to operate in Herefordshire from 15 May. Due to the limited time available a 6 month full tender process would not be possible. All of the day activities that Brandon Trust currently provide at venues including Widemarsh , Marshfield's and Ryefields will go out for spot purchases from a list of approved providers.

A provider for all the services run at St Owens's is being sought. This is in part due to users of St Owens generally having more complex needs.

Laura is keeping carers and service users informed through the [Spotlight on day opportunities](#).

Carers Strategy- Carla Preston

Carla split us up into pairs and showed us some of questions she would be asking carers to answer in order to find the areas that need to be a priority for the Herefordshire Carers Strategy.

Carla would like a sub group to create the Carers Strategy. If you would like to be involved please contact Carla on cpreston@herefordshire.gov.uk.

Self-Advocacy- John Gorman

John talked about the different self-advocacy models across England including People First from Cornwall, Taking Part from Shropshire and Ourway from Worcestershire.

John explained his idea of having service users from local providers own self advocacy groups meet up as a Central Self Advocacy Group (CSAG) and discuss issues they would like to raise with the Learning Disability Partnership Board. The CSAG views could also be used when the council needs feedback on potential changes to services. Please see diagram attached at appendix 1 for more information.

This topic will be discussed further at the June 13 meeting.

A.O.B.

Recruit 1st - Stuart Blake is planning on running dedicated employment , CV writing, career clinics on one Saturday a month to look at for people who have been assessed as on the Autistic spectrum or with a learning disability.

Publicity-John said he would ask Paul to write a brief piece on behalf of the board for Our News Our Views Newsletter.

Bus Passes- Fiona raised an issue with people with learning disabilities being asked for care plans when applying for a new bus pass. John has asked Fiona to collate these incidents and feedback to John. **UPATE** – Carla has been speaking with the Transport Team to see how this issue can be resolved. It is planned that we will get a rep from Transport to our next meeting to hear what we have to say and to see how we can help them to resolve the problem.

Herefordshire Carers Support- Judith Loveridge informed the group that due to funding cuts and subsequent Herefordshire Carers Support could not guarantee that they would be able to attend future board meetings.

Actions	Who	When
Invite Neville Meredith to the next meeting to talk about Prevent	Paul	30 May
Invite Jacinta Meighan Davies to the next board meeting to talk about the Diabetes Prevention Programme.	Paul	30 May
Invite a representative from Transport to our next meeting	Carla	13 June

Next meeting

13 June 10-12pm - Fownhope and Mordiford Room, Herefordshire Council Offices, Plough Lane, Hereford,

Appendix 1

Possible model of how the Self-Advocacy Board would work

