

**Learning Disability Partnership Board**  
**13/03/18 – Bromyard and Sutton Room, Plough Lane**

**Attending;**

Tracy Roberts	Our News Our Views
Mary Simpson	Healthwatch
Judith Loveridge	Herefordshire Carers
David Davies	Shared Lives
Tracey Exell	Alzheimer's Society
Gill Gorle	ACSYL
Rob Gorle	ACSYL
Debbie Hobbs	HVOSS
Fiona Richie	Echo
Louise Walton	Marches Family Network
Nicky Symonds	Herefordshire Carers Support
Jayne McGloane	Parent
Sharon Colley	2gether NHS trust
Laura Tyler	Herefordshire Council
Danielle Mussell	Herefordshire Council
Mel Davies	Herefordshire Council
John Burgess	Herefordshire Council
Adam Russell	Herefordshire Council
John Gorman	Herefordshire Council
Paul Choppen	Herefordshire Council

**Apologies**

Rose Hunt	Herefordshire Mencap
Ian Harper	Aspire Living
Barbara Brown	Aspire Living

**Welcome and Introductions**

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

**Matters Arising**

Sustainability and Transformation Plan written update - Adam Russell said he would give a brief verbal overview of the plan within the meeting however, this did not happen due to time restrictions.

Carers Strategy- Danielle Mussell gave an overview of the strategy at today's meeting.

LeDeR Programme- Jon Burgess was going to give the board an overview of the programme but due to time constraints this agenda item will have to be postponed to a future meeting.

## **Carers Strategy - Danielle Mussell**

Danielle introduced herself before explaining how the Carer's Strategy came into being.

Danielle explained that there are currently estimated to be 30,000 carers in Herefordshire. By 2031 there is estimated that 30% of people are expected to be aged over 65 compared with 23% nationally. By 2030 it is estimated there will also be an almost 4 times increase in the number of people aged over 65 with dementia from 1,428 to 5,000.

Danielle explained that the previous Carer's Strategy had expired in 2015 and that the current contracts with Herefordshire Carers Support and Crossroads are due to end on March 31 2018.

A National Carer's Strategy was announced in July 2015 is yet to be published. In 2016 when it became apparent that National Carer's Strategy was nowhere close to being published engagement work started with 160 carers and 17 young carers on the local Carer's Strategy.

Following feedback from carers 6 priorities were decided upon. These are:

- Identifying carers
- Information, advice and signposting
- Carers' knowledge, skills and employment
- Access to universal services
- Networking and mutual support
- Assessment and support

A Carer's Strategy Action Group consisting of reps from the middle management of various partner organisations has been created to meet bi-monthly. The group will work through each priority and decide how best each one can be implemented through their various lines of work.

The group is made up of various organisations such as:

- Wye Valley Trust
- 2Gether NHS Trust
- Commissioning Group
- Taurus
- Department for Work and Pensions
- Carers
- Council customer services
- Adults Wellbeing
- Childrens Wellbeing
- Herefordshire Carers Support

The current budget for commissioning carers services is £245,000. In December 2017 the Council invited bids from providers to run carers services, however none of the provider bids demonstrated they were able to meet all of the demands of the service specification. The Council thus decided to extend Herefordshire Carers Support contract by another year while they decide on their next move.

It has been proposed to Cabinet to use some of the £245,000 budget to fund house support for young carers. A decision on this is yet to be made.

The meeting asked for a breakdown of the money available for service. Danni has sent the following through;

**Total service value of £245k made up of:**

- Commissioned service for adult carers - £160k per annum
- Young carers service - £65k per annum (recommended to be brought in house to the Council and delivered by the Family Support Team- decision to be taken at Cabinet).
- A Carers Register Officer – to be delivered by the Council. The post-holder will keep a record of registered carers and upon registration, search WISH for information, events and services which might assist them, also sending out further information periodically. Development of the register (IT) plus the post budget - £20k per annum.

*NOTE – these figures are indicative and have yet to be agreed. They are shown here for illustrative purposes only.*

**Adam then introduced the Draft LD Strategy**

He said that the draft was still being developed and that changes can still be made to it. He asked that any amendments or suggestions be sent to him via e-mail – his e-mail is [Adam.Russell@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:Adam.Russell@herefordshire.gov.uk)

He said that although there was no statutory requirement to have an LD strategy the Council and the CCG had decided to write a joint document as this is considered best practice.

The document is LD person centred as more and more people with LD are now holding their own budgets with which to buy services. They are, in effect, their own commissioners of services.

The strategy had been written based on the basic principles of 'Valuing People'; see [https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/250877/5086.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/250877/5086.pdf)

This will be a long term strategy with a long term commitment from the Council and the CCG to deliver their ambitions.

The document will be designed to change as circumstances such as funding and policies change.

There is also an LD Needs Analysis which has informed the development of the strategy.

There was a question as to why there was a heavy emphasis on employment in the draft. Adam said that the most recent draft now included more on day opportunities to redress the balance.

The ensuing discussion mentioned that alternative types of employment need to be considered (such as sheltered employment). It was acknowledged that whilst the overall aim of including people with LD in the wider community was a good one, the reality is that the wider community is often unwelcoming to people with LD and people with LD often seeks out their own communities (such as day centres).

Adam said that the strategy needs to reflect the reality that there is a wide range of provision for people with LD, not just the 'traditional' day centre. Others agreed that a mixed approach needed to be reflected but .it needed to be acknowledged that not everyone would engage in the same way.

Adam said that he could change the emphasis of the strategy to reflect choice and the range of services available.

Fiona noted that Herefordshire had radically changed its day ops offer and that this should be celebrated as a great achievement. Adam said that later in the year a Market Condition Report would be written which would reflect what services are available and allow a comparison to other areas to be made.

Engagement – Healthwatch asked about the number of meetings there had been with people with LD. Adam said that some had happened but these had been poorly attended. In the near future there will be are four more events.

Adam said that the strategy would be going to Cabinet for approval in May. However, further amendments to the outcome tables in the strategy would be possible on an on-going basis after that time.

Mary noted that there was no easy read version of the strategy and that an easy read version would help with consultations with people with LD.

It was noted that a key success element of the LD Strategy would be changing attitudes of people towards Learning Disabilities and comparisons were made to the latest draft of the Autism Strategy which emphasised the need to change attitudes and to make reasonable adjustments.

Rob Gorle welcomed the document as a positive start to getting better service. He said though, pressure would need to be maintained to ensure that the ambitions of the strategy were realised.

Adam agreed that this was a start and that document would need to develop, engaged, be co-produced and be proactive.

Adam said that the Terms of Reference for the LDPB need to be revised. The LDPB needs to be responsible for delivery of the strategy and to offer a challenge to commissioners on progress.

He said that the strategy needed to be linked to the greater Council ambitions regarding health, wellbeing, education and economic development and the LDPB needs to measure the development of the strategy against these ambitions.

Adam noted that the Council had previously nominated a councillor as an LD Champion. He said that the LDPB should look to getting this role back on the agenda and to consider how the board might help a Champion to work effectively.

The meeting agreed that the LDPB needs more time at meetings to discuss things and less time on presentations. Adam said that the LDPB is the Board, should set the agenda and should run the meetings.

This was agreed by the meeting. At the next meeting the TOR will be reviewed and the role of the Board developed.

Adam then offered to run a strategy workshop within the next three weeks. This would be a half day dedicated to talking through and developing the strategy.

**ACTION – Adam to organise. This has been organised for Thursday the 5<sup>th</sup> of April at 1pm in the Hereford and Leominster room at Plough Lane.**

### **AOB**

Nicky asked whether a link to the NDTI website could be included within the strategy. Adam said he would consider this.

Nicky asked about funding for LD – Adam said that this could be discussed further at the workshop

Laura said the LD STP (Sustainable Transformation Plan) for Herefordshire and Worcestershire was being discussed at Malvern this week (Thursday) if people would like to attend.

John Burgess asked if the LeDeR programme could be discussed at the next LDPB in June. John had been scheduled to speak about this today but very kindly gave up his spot in order to allow as much time as possible to discuss the LD Strategy.

Healthwatch would like feedback from people who have completed a social care assessment or reviews since October 2017. Please complete the online survey on the front page of Healthwatch Herefordshire's website. The link to the website is [www.healthwatchherefordshire.co.uk](http://www.healthwatchherefordshire.co.uk)

Herefordshire NAS group are holding a "What is Autism?" day on the 29th of March at the Saxon Hall, Hereford from 10am-3pm. Please booking your place via EventBrite. For more info please email [nas.herefordshire@nas.org.uk](mailto:nas.herefordshire@nas.org.uk)

### **Next meetings;**

- 5th April 2018 1pm to 4pm – Hereford and Leominster room – additional meeting to discuss the LD strategy
- 12th June 2018 10am-12pm, Bromyard and Sutton Room
- 18th September 2018 10am-12pm, Bromyard and Sutton Room
- 11th December 2018 10am-12pm, Bromyard and Sutton Room