**Learning Disability Partnership Board**

**12/06/18 – Sutton Room, Plough Lane**

**Attending;**

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| Tracy Roberts | Our News Our Views |
| Mary Simpson | Healthwatch |
| Sharon Colley | 2gether |
| Tracey Exell | Alzheimer’s Society |
| Gill Gorle | ACSYL |
| Rob Gorle | ACSYL |
| Rose Hunt | Herefordshire Mencap |
| Fiona Richie | Echo |
| Louise Walton (from 11aam) | Marches Family Network |
| Jayne McGloane | Parent |
| Rhiannon Mainwaring | WVT DOLs Lead nurse |
| Laura Ferguson | Herefordshire Council |
| Laura Tyler | Herefordshire Council |
| Adam Russell | Herefordshire Council |
| John Gorman | Herefordshire Council |
| Paul Choppen | Herefordshire Council |
| Elspeth Dixon | Herefordshire Council |

**Apologies**

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| Debbie Hobbs | HVOSS |
| Ian Harper | Aspire Living |
| Barbara Brown | Aspire Living |
| Nicky Symonds | Herefordshire Carers Support |
| Judith Loveridge | Herefordshire Carers Support |

**Welcome and Introductions**

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

**Wiki-Me – Elspeth Dixon**

Elspeth introduced Wiki-Me. Wiki-Me is a digital platform that combines a simple, secure personal website and social network functions.

Wiki-Me allows an individual to create personal profile which details their social and leisure interests, education, work and health history and their support needs. The individual can then set up a circle of people to share sections from their profile with.

The individual can then grant members of their circle the right to update and edit sections of their profile.

Wiki-Me enables communication, co-operation and joined up support for an individual’s family, friends, professionals and community circles.

The use of pictures, videos, sound, text and messages enables individuals and their families, along with the professionals involved in their education and care, to keep in touch and learn from each other.

The service was trialled in Herefordshire last year starting with 16 children and young people with special education needs. It is now hoped to expand the number of users to around 250 so that the project can be evaluated later this year.

Fiona Richie discussed how Wiki-Me could be really useful to people with learning disabilities who have limited support, especially those in danger of becoming socially isolated. Jayne McGlone said it could be useful to people with dementia who could use it as a time capsule. Other users could also include those living out of county.

Elspeth said she is a happy to take referrals for Wiki-Me and discuss it over the next few weeks.

Currently there is no cost to users who are trialling the system.

The board decided that people with a learning disability should be encouraged to trial Wiki-Me.

**Action - Commissioning Team** **to discuss its potential usefulness with the Adult Social Care team, Health team and Learning Disability team.**

**Adam Russell-Learning Disability Strategy**

Adam said that cabinet had signed off the draft Learning Disability Strategy last week. He said that elected members and senior managers had showed great enthusiasm for the strategy. He said that the Learning Disability strategy would sit in the quarterly performance plan which means that it will be reported to Cabinet regularly.

There is also interest from senior managers in Adult Well Being to sit on the Board. He said the elected members also wanted to see a Learning Disability Champion appointed. Mary said that LD, like autism and dementia, needs to start raising awareness amongst the general public. John said that the proposed LD Champion would have a central role in raising awareness.

**Action – Laura Tyler to write to the Leader of the Council welcoming the positive reception of the strategy and to remind the Leader of the need for an LD Champion**

The strategy will be going to CCG for their approval on June 22.

Mary highlighted the need for Health and the CCG to be an active part of the board.

Adam said future versions of the strategy need to be co-produced with the board. He said that the board should own the strategy and be able to sign off any changes to it.

He said that an important development would be for the LDPB to start to redevelop itself. It needs to review and implement the Terms of Reference. It also needs to start to become more independent of the Council so that it can offer constructive criticism of policies and programmes. It needs to elect an independent Chair. It also needs to become a fully functioning sub group of the Health and Well Being Board.

Fiona said that revitalised board needs real teeth to influence decisions. She also said that all LD policies and strategies should be agreed by the Board before they are sent for sign off. **The meeting agreed this.**

Adam said there would be a 2 year implementation plan for the strategy. He also he would discuss with Laura Tyler what the 2019-2021 commissioning plan will look like.

Adam noted that there were two areas still to be fully developed within the strategy. These are; defining how we deal with the concept of risk and how this will be incorporated into the strategy, and, working through an acceptable definition of ‘Capacity’. Currently this is seen in a very rigidly defined manner and there needs to be a wider definition of the term.

Mary asked that a change log be included in future versions of the strategy so that changes can be seen easily.

**Action – Commissioning Team to develop change log.**

Adam also reported that elected members have expressed an interest in visiting local providers to see for themselves what is happening the LD Community.

**Action – Commissioning Team to facilitate visits to providers by elected members.**

**Employment** – Adam said that Cabinet had agreed that employment opportunities within the Council needed to be investigated. This could include directly run services as well as asking contractors to improve their LD employment practices.

The meeting agreed that employment support should be for both the employee and the employer so that problems such as bullying can be avoided.

**Case studies**

Leader’s Briefing had asked for case studies to be developed to help illustrate the key issues that people with LD face.

**Action – Laura Ferguson to take this forward.**

The Board thanked Adam for his hard work in developing the strategy

**Action - John to send out latest version of the Strategy – attached**

Adam said that although he will shortly be leaving the Council he is working with the Safeguarding Board on developing policies for the Safe use of Public Transport.

**AOB**

Healthwatch have launched a feedback centre (like the Trip Advisor feedback system) where people can leave feedback about the health services they use in Herefordshire.

You can access the feedback centre on the Healthwatch website front page at <http://healthwatchherefordshire.co.uk/>

The Learning Disability Health Intelligence Network publish regular updates about events and LD related news. You can sign up to their newsletters at <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKHPA/subscribers/new>

Local LD providers have published the latest HAT (Herefordshire Activities together) booklet. **(copy attached)**

**Dates for the diary**

* National LD week 18-24 June
* Herefordshire LD awareness day 6th July at the Old Market
* ECHO AGM – 20th September – 6.30pm at the Leominster Sports and Social Club
* Community Games – 26th September 10am to 3pm Holmer Leisure Centre

NOTE – volunteers are needed to help out on the day. Contact Rose Hunt for more information.)

**Next meetings;**

• 18th September 2018 10am-12pm, Bromyard and Sutton Room

• 11th December 2018 10am-12pm, Bromyard and Sutton Room

**Next agenda - to include;**

The LeDeR programme (John Burgess)

Developing the work plan going forward (Laura Ferguson) – to include membership of the Board.

The work of the Hospital LD Team (Rhiannon Mainwaring)