



HEREFORDSHIRE'S
LEARNING DISABILITY
PARTNERSHIP BOARD
everything about us but not without us

LDPB meeting
23rd March 2021 - 2pm-3:30pm Zoom Video Conferencing

Attendees	Partner organisation
Tracy Crum	Chair / Our News Our Views
Mike Cook	Echo
John Gorman	Herefordshire Council
Paul Choppen	Partnership Board Assistant
Jas Kakkar	Herefordshire Council
Sarah Goodyear	Young Onset Dementia Adviser
Louise Cartledge	Parent Carer
Michelle Baillon	Crossroads Together/ Parent Carer
Mary Simpson	Healthwatch
Rob Gorle	ACSYLE
Gill Gorle	ACSYLE

Apologies	Partnership organisation
Laura Ferguson	Herefordshire Council
Alexa Heath	Herefordshire Council
Carolyn Whippman	Herefordshire Council
Lyn Rushgrove	Wykenhurst
David Davies	Shared Lives
Rose Hunt	Herefordshire Mencap
Emily Trotter	Herefordshire and Worcestershire CCG
Angela Higgleton	Herefordshire and Worcestershire CCG
Nicola Cope	Herefordshire and Worcestershire CCG
Rachael Skinner	Herefordshire and Worcestershire CCG
Jane McGlone	Parent Carer
Jenny Dalloway	Herefordshire and Worcestershire CCG
Sharron Colley	Herefordshire Learning Disability Team

Introductions and Matter Arising

Tracy welcomed everyone and asked everyone to introduce themselves. Tracy then went through the Zoom etiquette.

John Gorman recapped the previous minutes.

Matters Arising

Citizenship

Bill of Rights-Paul has updated this document

Future Plans for the Board – what are the big things we want to do this year?

(To include the easy read LD implementation plan) -John and Tracy

John talked members through the easy read implementation plan.

John clarified that “we” in the document refers to LDPB members and wider network of the LD community.

John said the Council has created a dashboard that will be made available later in the year.

He also mentioned that the market position statement has recently been signed off and will be added to the implementation plan.

Action 1- John asked Paul to look at the Market Position Statement and covert any sections pertaining to relate to LD into easy read.

John and Paul will update the document further as certain sections are out of date and get rid of the acronyms. John then asked the board for comments on how the easy read Implementation plan could be improved.

Jas at this point said she would like Day Opportunities to be put on the agenda of the next meeting to talk through the proposed changes.

Action 2-Paul to add Day opportunities to the 25 May board meeting agenda.

Mary suggested that we re-circulate the implementation plan to service providers and ask them:

- What projects they have done or plan to do and how they fit in with the implementation plan
- Do they need support for any projects?
- What they think the 21/22 priorities should be?

Members agreed this was a good idea.

Jas said that the implementation plan needs to explain the how the projects will benefit the learning disabilities community.

John asked the board to think about what priorities it would like to concentrate on in the next financial year 21/22.

Action 3- Paul to re-circulate the implementation plan to the board and service providers. Ask service providers about the projects they have done and what they think the priorities should be for 21/22.

A discussion ensued where members came up with the following recommendations.

Engagement and Feedback

- Understand how the learning disability strategy is being implemented. (Including what projects providers are working on and how these could be added to the implementation plan.
- How the learning disability strategy is being received by the learning disability community.
- Get councillors and senior managers involved in specific board meetings.
- Closer engagement with the wider learning disability community, (ask questions to advocacy groups and gather feedback or involved in board meetings.)

Communication Technology

- Understand how the use of technology has changed because of the coronavirus lockdown. (How hard has it been for services and their participants to adapt and what lesson can be learned)
- The use of technology in delivering services going forward post covid 19.

Terms of Reference- John asked the board if anyone would like to set up a working group to review the terms of reference for the next meeting. Louise and Tracy agreed to do this.

Action 4- Louise and Tracy to review the Terms of Reference.

John and Tracy also suggested simplifying board meetings by having less items on the agenda, they suggested that we base each meeting around 1 of the 4 LD strategy's themes.

Citizenship, Choice and Control Sub Group

Rob mentioned the group had made 7 recommendations to the board at the last board meeting. They are currently working through the first 2 recommendations:

1. Find ways to explain the LD Strategy to people with LD, and the people supporting Them. (Including citizenship, choice and control)

Rob said the group had been gathering information on how schools, colleges and rep groups teach citizenship, choice and control is about. This includes West Midlands Advocacy Network, National Star College and the Echo rep Group.

2. Design and begin a process of listening to gain a clear understanding of the views of people whose lives and work relate to the Strategy

The group have also been working on a system to help the wider LD community group communicate with the board. Rob theorized the board could ask a question to the rep group every month and Healthwatch would be happy to collect the feedback.

Rob said he would like board members to pass on contact details of anyone who would be interested in being involved.

Louise said she had sent out a questionnaire around the 4 LD Strategy themes to Barrs Court and the National Star College. 11 of the 12 students at the National Star College have completed the questionnaire and their answer should be fed back to Louise shortly. Two of the students have shown an interest in talking to board.

Millie Lowther (deputy head at Barrs Court) has sent her information on how they approach citizenship in the school. Millie has also sent her an anonymized snapshot of 22 student's thoughts on where they would like to work in the future.

Rob hopes that by gathering all this information the group can create an easy read guide to the LD Strategy and what the LD Strategy it means for the LD community.

Presentation to Scrutiny Committee

Paul talked through the draft presentation plan. The group plan to meet on the 26th March at 11am to discuss the presentation further. The date of the scrutiny committee meeting has been moved to the 21st June.

Mary suggested as time for long presentations is usually tight it may be worth sending in films or videos to the scrutiny committee prior to the meeting so they have time to digest and come up with questions.

An update on the Reasonable Adjustments Making Every Contact Count (MECC) Plus training-Mary

Mary said she had created reasonable adjustment infographics for numerous disabilities. The infographics will be put on the Healthwatch and WISH websites as MECC Plus training modules. Mary is waiting for to hear back from Public Health on if they have been signed off. Mary's is also hoping to gather together senior managers in health and social care as well as trade industries and ask them to pass the infographics resources down to their teams and organizations they

manage. If anyone has any contact suggestions for Mary please email here at mary@healthwatchherefordshire.co.uk.

Mary also hopes to find funding to do a reasonable adjustments infographic on mental health. Mary will also send out a link once the infographics are on WISH or Healthwatch websites.

Learning Disability Week – 21-27 June: Theme is Friendship

A discussion ensued with members agreeing that using the members of the advocacy network Rob is compiling for feedback would be good idea.

Suggestions included:

- Ask what they are planning on doing for learning disability week.
- Ask what friendships are important to them?
- Ask what they have missed doing with friends during lockdown.
- Ask them to send in videos with messages to friends they have missed

Louise suggested liaising with the Echo's drama and Friday groups. Participants of the groups have created collages of what they are looking forward of doing once lockdown ends. Photos could be publicized through the LDPB webpage, Council Social Media channels and LD organizations.

Action 5-Jas said she would contact the media and communication team to look at how photos could be tagged through Facebook and twitter.

Updates from Board members

Michelle Baillon- Michelle informed the group that Carers week is coming up from the 7th-13th June and to look on Carer Links website for information on what they and their partners are doing. <https://mailchi.mp/ff83457c4abd/carers-news-herefordshire-spring2021>

A.O.B

John raised the question as to whether the board meetings could be moved to the Tuesday Mornings as Laura cannot currently attend. As Tracy (co-chair) is currently only available to attend in the afternoon it was agreed to stick to the current meeting time.

Next Meeting –Tuesday 25th of May 2-3:30pm

Joining details are: ID: 95000895272

Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/95000895272>

Actions

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Jas	Action 5- Contact the media and communication team to look at how photos could be tagged through Facebook and Twitter