



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



Meeting-LDPB

Date/Time-5th March 2024, 2:30pm-4:30pm

Venue: Fownhope Room, Microsoft Teams

Attendees:	
Name	Organisation / Role
Tracy Crum	Chair, Echo
Mike Cook	Chief Officer, Echo
Glen Crosier	Senior Commissioning Officer, Community Wellbeing, Herefordshire Council
John Gorman	Commissioning Officer, Community Wellbeing, Herefordshire Council
Paul Choppen	Partnership Board Assistant, Community Wellbeing, Herefordshire Council
Amy Deacon	DPSS Team Leader, SIL (Services for Independent Living)
Rachael Oakley	Walsingham Support
Paul Scott	Trustee Herefordshire Mencap
Rose Hunt	Herefordshire Mencap
Bev Davis	Herefordshire Mencap
Kevin Stuchbery	Trustee Herefordshire Mencap
Beverley Hardiman	(HEREFORDSHIRE AND WORCESTERSHIRE HEALTH AND CARE NHS TRUST)
Paula Powell	Registered Manager Ridgemoor, Hoople Care
Ian Harper	Service Quality Director, Aspire Living
Craig Lewis	Transport Services Manager, Economy and Environment, Herefordshire Council
Rob Gorle	Parent Carer
Gill Gorle	Parent Carer

Apologies

Name	Organisation / Role
Jack Caine	Programme Lead for LD & Autism, ICB
Tammy Moss	Hoople
Mary Simpson	Healthwatch Herefordshire

Welcome and Introduction

Tracy welcomed everyone and asked members to introduce themselves.

Meeting etiquette

Tracy went through the meeting etiquette.

Previous Minutes

Paul went through the actions from the previous Learning Disability Partnership Board meeting.

5th December 2023 Actions

Name	Actions	Detail	Status
Collet Gardner	Action 1	Mary asked Collet to seek update from Rebecca Hill (CLDT) on LD Strategy Implementation Plan outcomes LD3.02. Specialist community learning disability healthcare	No update as yet- Paul will chase.
Paul, Tracy, Mike, Glen, John and Mary	Action 2	To set out when planning the agenda the questions and outcomes that strategy leads and speakers need to report back on.	Complete
Jack Caine	Action 3	Mary asked Jack for feedback on LD3.01 regrading whether people with learning disabilities receive high quality end of life care.	Unknown-Paul will chase
Gillian Pearson / Jack Caine	Action 4	Liaise with each other on issues such as annual health checks and briefings to GP Surgeries.	Unknown- Paul will chase
Paul Choppen	Action 5	Email board members calendar invites and venue details of the Joint LDPB meeting.	Complete

Matters arising (all)

There were no matters arising.

Reviewing the LD Strategy-Theme 4-Choice and Control

S4IL (Services for independent Living), Financial Independence, Amy Deacon - Senior Direct Payment Advisor

Amy discussed how S4IL was one of the direct payment support services in Herefordshire. Direct payments enable individuals to be in control of the services and support they use such as the day services they attend and employing a PA (personal assistant)

S4IL can provide individuals with support to varying levels such as making sure the right checks are carried out when recruiting a PA such as DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service), helping set out the contract of employment, support with interviewing and accounting and payments. S4IL can also act as the agent for an individual, dealing with HMRC regarding tax payments and benefit claims.

For more information visit. <https://www.s4il.co.uk/> or contact Amy at amy.deacon@s4il.co.uk

Direct Payment Update from the Council - John Gorman – Herefordshire Council

John went through the information available on Herefordshire Council's website regarding direct payments, personal health budgets, direct payment cards and the relevant support available.

[Direct payments and personal budgets – Herefordshire Council](#)

John and Glen subsequently had a discussion on the direct payments review currently being carried out with Glen proposing the person responsible for carrying out this review be invited to a future meeting if board members were interested, Mike seconded this.

Action 1- Paul will liaise with Glen on who is carrying out the direct payments review and invite them to a future meeting.

Rose raised the point that more conversations need to be had around the consequences should an individual die, with their former PAs and staff they employed being subsequently being made redundant as a result.

Learning Disability Strategy

John noted that quite a few of the outcomes set out in the Learning Disability Strategy and its Implementation Plan are old out of date or no longer relevant. John suggested the board review and update the strategy, members agreed.

Action 2- Paul, Glen, Mike, Mary and Tracy will discuss the best way solution at the next LDPB planning meeting.

Social Integration (Choice and Control) Mike Cook – Chief Officer ECHO

Mike discussed Echo and other members of HAT (Hereford Activities Together) get involved in the community. He discussed how important it is that the individuals supported have an active and visible role within the community and that activities premises are in accessible places. The importance that the public see the abilities of individuals with learning disabilities have and the high quality products they can they can produce.

Mike also highlighted the importance of promoting and sharing information to help bring the learning disability community together and highlight the work organisations are doing.

ICB – updates and discussion on future ICB reporting to Board -Jack Caine Senior Program Lead (Learning Disability and Autism

NHS H&W)

There was no update from Jack who have his apologies. Going forward he is unlikely to be able to attend the LDPB regularly. He will however aims to regularly attend the Joint LDPB meetings in Herefordshire and Worcestershire.

Travel Research (Social Integration) -Rose Hunt / Kevin Stuchbery/Bev Davis – MENCAP

Bus Services Presentation- Kevin Stuchbery

Kevin gave a presentation on Herefordshire Bus Services-What local people with a learning disability told us, see attached. The presentation highlighted issues faced by people with a learning disability with bus services.

The presentation highlighted issues such as: unclear timetables, individuals being bullied by school children, buses being unclean, the lack of services in the evening and weekend, the need for more frequent buses in rural areas, bus passes only being valid from 9:30am and bus drivers being impatient and needing better training to understand the difficulties people with disabilities face.

A film was produced on these issues and shared with the bus companies and the Council.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pi7S6tK_vQo&t=64s

Unfortunately none of the bus companies replied regarding to the issues raised in the video. No action has been taken from Herefordshire Council on the matter either so far.

Action 3 - Craig Lewis (Transport Services Manager, Economy and Environment, Herefordshire Council) said he would play Herefordshire Mencap's video of people's experiences of using buses at the next meeting he has with the bus operators to get their response. He will also discuss the issues raised with the owners of the bus companies.

Bus Passes- Bev Davis

Bev explained that she was employed by Herefordshire Mencap to work with other link workers from West Midlands Self Advocacy Network. The Network is formed from several self-advocacy groups in the West Midlands. They work on projects that affect the lives of people with learning disabilities and/or autism and campaign to improve things.

Bev went through her presentation on Bus Passes, see attached.

She explained the issue of bus passes only being accepted from 9:30am and 11pm between Monday to Friday (weekends and bank holidays are free with a bus pass) creates for people on limited income. This additional expense can limit the opportunities to go to education classes, to work, to socialise, to attend day services or attend medical appointments.

Bev plans to visit local groups to ask as many people as possible with a learning disability what they think. She will also contact local organisations, tell them what we are doing and ask for their help.

Travel services and strategy -Craig Lewis – Transport Service Manager

Craig went through his presentation, (see attached, and note BSIP+ stands for Bus Services Improvement Plan). He discussed the current provision, the level of funding and the plans to improve services.

Mike raised the point that the difficulty of getting transport included and in peoples support plans and subsequently funded may be a reason for the preserved lack of demand for certain services.

If you have any questions please email craig.lewis@herefordshire.gov.uk or Telephone: Tel: 01432 260874

A.O.B

Learning Disability Week - Rose discussed how Learning disability Week was going to be held between the 17th and 23rd of June with Royal Mencap deciding on the theme as "Do You See Me" with it being about people with a learning disability being seen, heard and valued.

Here Our Voices Event 9th May, Kindle Centre 10am-3pm. Here Our Voices event helps people with a learning disability share their opinion on services and initiatives and how they should be consulted on about issues that affect them.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/hear-our-voices-tickets-878114834107?aff=erelexpmlt>

John Gorman retirement- John informed the board that this was his 50th LDPB meeting and his last as he was leaving the Council. Board members would like it on record their thanks to John for all his hard work and support helping the Board over the years, wishing him well in his future endeavours.

Date of Next Meeting 4th June 2:30-4:30pm Fownhope room, Plough Lane / Microsoft Teams

Meeting ID: 316 673 178 148

Passcode: qgLdPL

Date of Joint Learning Disability Partnership Board- Tuesday 2nd of July 2-4:30pm, Conference Room, Plough Lane Offices / Microsoft Teams

Meeting ID: 334 475 441 062

Passcode: LvRHSB

Actions

Name	Actions	Detail
Paul	Action 1	Will liaise with Glen on who is carrying out the direct payments review and invite them to a future meeting.
Paul, Glen, Mike, Mary and Tracy	Action 2	Will discuss the best way the board can address issues with the Learning Disability Strategy's Implementation Plan being out of date and not reflecting the current work being carried out before the next LDPB planning meeting.
Craig Lewis	Action 3	Will play video from Herefordshire Mencap of peoples experiences of using buses at the next meeting he has with the bus operators to get their response. He will also discuss the issues raised with the owners of the bus companies.