

# Minutes of the Learning Disability Partnership Board Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2020, 1.30pm – 3.00pm

## Present:

Sheridan Dodsworth (Chair)  
John Waters  
Terry Holt  
David Sheardown  
Richard Eccles  
Marie O'Sullivan  
Kerry Gibson  
Vicky Thomson  
Louise Olley  
Patryk Kosmala

## Apologies:

Joanna Tubb  
Justin Hackney  
John Gurney  
Jenny Howitt



County Carers - Who we are - June 2020.p



## 1. Introductions and Welcomes:

Sheridan welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The Board welcomed Vicky Thomson to the meeting for the first time, representing County Carers.

At the beginning of the meeting, we had some technical difficulties which affected self-advocates joining the meeting on time. John suggested that he could help with attendance and the technical issues. John said that private rooms and laptops can be provided through the day services – he said that this was an issue with other meetings as well.

**Action: John to provide the Board with more details in the next meeting.**

## 2. Matters Arising and Actions from last meeting:

Meeting required between VoiceAbility and David Culy to look into involvement in LSB.

**Action: Kerry to contact David and arrange this → to be completed.**

**Facebook page and brochures:**

**Action: John and Kerry to pick this up. → see 'Friendship Connect'.**

	<p>John informed everyone that the findings of the national survey on the impact of lockdown have not been published yet.</p> <p><b>Action: John to provide feedback when findings are available.</b></p>
	<p><b>3. Updates from Learning Disability Partnership: what have we been doing during lockdown? How it affected us?</b></p> <p><b>Healthy Lifestyles Group:</b> David informed the Board that Active Lincolnshire were getting people signed up for a walking challenge to see how many stapes they can do every day. In partnership with Ian Brown from Active Lincolnshire, a funding has been found to give out over 100 pedometers. The challenge started on 10<sup>th</sup> August and will continue until end of September.</p> <p>Providers also got involved and people win prizes for walking. Marie commented that she was receiving regular figures for 40 people.</p> <p><b>Staying Safe Group:</b> currently focusing on staying safe online as a few people 'get into trouble' looking for friendships online.</p> <p><b>Voices For All:</b> Minutes from the last meeting were presented. This week's meeting is around keeping healthy and active in the current situation.</p> <p>David also informed everyone that he and 5 other experts by experience were working with LPFT on a book about what they have been doing throughout lockdown.</p> <p><b>All meetings are continuing online</b> – Sheridan commented that she felt like nothing gets in the way of the LDP!</p>
	<p><b>4. Update on Transforming Care:</b></p> <p>Richard informed the Board that the Lincolnshire targets were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 21 inpatients for adults</li> </ul>



- 2 inpatients for children and young people

Currently in Lincolnshire, we have:

- 38 adults inpatients
- 0 children and young people inpatients

Richard explained that the impact of COVID has seen a huge spike between June and August of 14 admissions. He said normally, in that time the average is 2 admissions.

Richard explained that clinical review of all inpatients was taking place. This was to look at where they were on the 12 point discharge plan. As part of this, the inpatients accommodation needs will be reviewed as well, rather than doing this when someone is ready for discharge. Richard explained that Accommodation Strategy has been set up by Justin Hackney.

**Annual Health checks** – we have seen disappointing results, a drop from 57% performance to 49%. A recovery plan is being finalised. Richard explained that the CCG were reviewing community capacity within services and their capabilities of working with people with mild learning disabilities and autism.

Richard said that groups of GPs are being supported to increase the number of health checks as well as flu jabs. Richard explained that this would also include supporting people with learning disabilities around COVID vaccination, when it is ready.

John mentioned the recent report looking at the national mortality rate for people with learning disabilities and explained that day services had set up targets around supporting people to access their annual health checks.  
**John and Richard agreed to pick this up to discuss further.**

Terry said that COVID was making people very anxious and asked Richard if anything was in

	<p>place to stop people needing admissions. Richard explained that as part of the review, they will be looking at barriers for people accessing services before going into crisis.</p>
	<p><b>5. 'Friendship Connect' idea – Kerry and Jenny:</b></p> <p>Kerry explained that she has worked with Jenny on an idea we could create a site under LCC with an aim to be service user lead, recruiting self-advocates from around the county.</p> <p>Connecting up with all support and care services/day services for adults with a Learning Disability around the county. It needs to be a safe site, independent and secure from non-group members; with the ability to be monitored.</p> <p>Hold the ability for a chat forum. Promote safe interactions and friendships that can support positive impact on self-esteem especially in current circumstances.</p> <p>We need to reach many more individuals than we currently do and this needs to be done on a neutral site that individuals/families/carers have confidence in and is accessible.</p> <p>Social media such as FB is not accessible or permitted for many people and cannot be monitored effectively. The police do not support the use of Facebook for vulnerable people; something that Jenny is familiar with and happy to discuss.</p> <p>What we would like to achieve something that enables communicating for individuals around the county, giving them a safe environment to create new friendship links and a positive way for sharing relevant views and information from everyone around the county. Setting up a forum for a communication workshop.</p> <p>Accessible I.T equipment would benefit many around the county. Many service users have</p>

	<p><i>remained restricted to their homes and feeling the impact of being separated from people they class as friends.</i></p> <p>Louise commented that it might be a better idea to address the issues around FB and make it safer.</p> <p>John explained that a lot of energy has gone into social media network within the day services and it allows a way of families to be involved as well. John said that the issue was more around supporting people who do not use social media platforms to get involved. He said that we should focus on existing platforms and ensuring that people are supported to engage safely. He said this could be done by supporting people one by one.</p> <p><b>Action: Kerry, Jenny and John to pick this up to discuss further between themselves.</b></p> <p>Vicky mentioned that Carers First were handing out equipment to carers who needed it and John commented that day services struggled with connecting carers with technology.</p> <p><b>John to discuss further with Vicky.</b></p>
	<p><b>6. AOB:</b></p> <p>1. ICE Event – Richard said that the next ICE Event is being planned for September 2021 in Skegness and the theme will be 'celebration of life in Lincolnshire'.</p>
	<p><b>7. Next Meeting:</b></p> <p><b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2020, 1.30pm – 3.30pm, via Microsoft Teams</b></p>