



Jill Broomhall welcomed everyone and wished all a Happy New Year.

Introductions were made by each attendee, we said who we are and what our roles are.



Mark passed on apologies from those people who were invited but couldn't attend including Sarah Marshall from the Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Trust. Sarah was going to talk about Bowel Cancer screening and will be invited to a future meeting.

Minutes from the previous meeting

- Mark has updated the Terms of Reference that were agreed and sent them out to everyone.
- Mark, Claire, Gerard and Mandy met with Cheshire Police and had a good discussion around the way the police communicate with people with disabilities (including those who have hidden disabilities). The Police asked about the Partnership Board, and what it is, and we shared some issues with them. As a result of this, they will be inviting a representative from the Partnership Board to attend their Hate Crime Scrutiny Panels. Mark asked for anyone who would like to volunteer to contact him directly.
- The Police also asked for a guide; for example, if someone was being interviewed, having some easy-read material to help the Police to explain things and make themselves understood would be useful. Claire and Mandy will be involved in putting this together.
- Further to these outcomes, a representative from the Police will be invited to attend the Partnership Board.
- Following the Lockdown Survey presentation at the last meeting, there are plans to put out a follow-up around when restrictions are lifted. In this one, we will be asking about what things have been learned and what people want to do in the future.
- Jill Stenton is also putting together a survey for Carers which will be sent out soon and the Carers Hub will help with the distribution of it.
- Mark said that he is working on an Action Plan for the board to see what areas we would like to focus on over the next 12 months. This is almost finished, and Mark would like to share this with people who attend the board and discuss this at the next meeting in April.

Feedback on Local Boards and Carers Partnership Board

- Mark shared a presentation with the meeting that looked at the feedback received on the structure of the Boards going forwards. He made sure that everyone could see it and explained the points to us.
- Mandy said she is happy to help with the Carers Partnership Board and added that sometimes, Carers can have Learning Disabilities/Difficulties too and it's important to recognise this.
- Jill shared that she is keen to ensure that everyone has access to a tablet, laptop, PC, etc. to take part and acknowledges that there will be some people who don't have the equipment they need. She asked if everyone could ask around to see who doesn't have any equipment as there may be some funds available to help those who want to take part but cannot do so.
- Tom asked about the roadmap out of lockdown and how this may affect the meetings; balancing the use of technology and face to face. It's difficult to make definite plans as we don't know what the future holds.
- Jill agreed that it is difficult to make definite plans and that all we can do is hope for the best but prepare for the worst.
- Gerard added that, in terms of communications, most people take part are using smartphones or tablets. Using an online platform is getting easier and we can tap into it.
- Sarah shared how they (Local Area Coordinators) have been working with some community groups that have applied for funding to help families get online. Also, the DIB (Disability Information Bureau) are offering support and guidance. Sarah can share this information with Mark and Gerard after the meeting.
- Gill Davies also shared that they have been successful in receiving funding for iPads and that there are a number ways out there to get this sort of funding at the moment.
- Mandy told the meeting that most of the funding opportunities appear to be in the North of the Cheshire East rather than the South which gets missed out. Mandy asked if there was anyone who could link up with the South groups.
- Gerard agreed and said he would investigate the funding side of things with Jill and provide feedback at the next meeting.
- Tom and Mark spoke about the flexibility offered by being able to join a meeting remotely for a short time rather than not at all, if they have another appointment. At least they're able to join in for part of the meeting whereas if they were face to face only, they wouldn't be able to take part at all.
- Jill put forward the need to give as many people as we can the opportunity to take part so that as many voices are heard as possible.

Action: Gerard to look in to how we can get access to this connectivity and funding.

At this point, the Board had a coffee break. When we all returned, Jill suggested that at future meetings we would have an ice breaker at the start. Mandy put this forward and is going to send some ideas over.

Louisa Joyce and Jo Williams joined the meeting and were welcomed by Jill.

Preparing for Adulthood Strategy

- The Preparing for Adulthood Strategy was shared on the screen.
- Jo and Louisa went through the strategy and explained the contents to everyone; it's currently a draft version after development started on it a year ago.
- This strategy has been developed to be at the heart of what we do, not just piece of literature to reference. If there are any barriers being faced by people, then we need to address them.
- Jill thanked Jo and Louisa for presenting the strategy and asked everyone if there were any questions.
- Gill said they would like to work with Jo and Louisa; an example would be work experience opportunities and having plans in place for this. Louisa shared that there is an e-module available in connection with the strategy and she will link in with Gill as the work they do is invaluable.
- Jo advised that they will be moving on to the implementation plan which will mean a real effort in engagement and activity which they will include Gill in.
- Mark asked whether there would be an easy-read version of the strategy available at some point and Louise confirmed there will be once it's been approved.
- Claire shared her experience in that she didn't know that she had an learning disability until her mid 20's and found things difficult until a social worker became involved. She found it quite a shock; she had struggled but didn't realise why. Having something available for people who discover this later in life, when it's hidden, would be useful. Jo agreed and stressed how important it is that we understand this and thanked Claire for sharing her experience as it's so helpful.
- Jill Schofield asked about travel training and who would deliver it as it's a great idea she has seen work well. Louisa advised that that the strategy is with audit at the moment and we will see what is already being provided. We can then put things forward for commissioning services. Mark agreed and confirmed there are providers that can provide this service, so we need to look at setting up the mechanisms to be able to put it in place.
- Keith is keen to endorse this strategy and stressed the importance of Transition into adults' services. We have 4 workers within the Learning Disability team who work with Transition cases to ensure a person-centred approach, but their time is at a premium. We need to think of ways to get the most out of our staff by sourcing support from other organisations to get their



input. Also, completing Care Act compliant Adult Needs Assessments in good time is a key goal.

- Tom asked how travel training would work given the current restrictions. Louisa said that getting the travel training in place will be a longer process and we expect to be out of lockdown/restrictions by that time.
- Jo added that it is understood how Health resources can be hard to access for some. They have pushed Health colleagues to deliver on this and hope the priority of this need is pushed in the implementation group.
- Jo and Louisa asked everyone in the meeting if they would become champions for the strategy to demonstrate the importance of it. We are looking real, fundamental change as an outcome and would like everyone to share it with friends and family. The online training takes 40 minutes to complete.

Partnership Board Website



- Gerard and Tom shared a presentation with information about how the Partnership Board website is used.
- The proposal is to explore options with our Communications team including Social Media to get the message out to as wide an audience as possible.
- Nicola said she thinks would be a great idea she's happy to be a moderator and support with this.
- Mark agreed that having a social media presence was a great idea with some moderators to support. We would need a few to make it work and could put information on to the site with links sent out. This would encourage engagement and more hits.

- Jill asked everyone in the meeting whether they agreed with this idea and all present confirmed they did.

Action: Gerard and Tom to take this forward for discussion and planning.

Any other business

- Jill asked if anyone had anything they would like to raise.
- Louise Barry thanked everyone for a positive and joyous meeting.



Summary

These are the minutes of the Cheshire East Partnership Board meeting for individuals with Learning Disabilities held on 28 January 2021

Jill Broomhall thanked everyone for attending and shared she is looking forward to when we can all meet again in person.

Members and visitors who came to the meeting

Jill Broomhall	Chair and Director of Adult Social Care Operations, Cheshire East Council
Thomas Clapperton	Co-chair and self-advocate
Claire Hodkinson	Self-advocate
Nicola Bartzis	Parent carer and independent advocate
Madeleine Lowry	Associate Director, Cheshire and Wirral Partnership
Councillor Marilyn Houston	Deputy Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care & Health
Bradley Guy	
Glyn Withenshaw	Parent carer
Mark Hughes	Senior Commissioning Manager, Cheshire East Council
Gerard Buckley	Commissioning Manager, Cheshire East Council
Jem Davies	Healthwatch Cheshire
Jill Schofield	Speaking Up Speaking Out
Gill Davies	Speaking Up Speaking Out
Sarah Jacklin	Local Area Coordinator, Cheshire East Council
Louise Barry	CEO, Healthwatch Cheshire
Dawn Brown	Manager, Cheshire East Carers Hub
Keith Evans	Head of Service for Learning Disabilities, Mental Health and Continuing Healthcare, Cheshire East Council
Mandy Dickson	Co-chair of the CE Parent Carer Forum
Louise Hill	Locality Manager for Learning Disabilities and Continuing Healthcare, Cheshire East Council
Louisa Joyce	Transition Coordinator (Preparing for Adulthood), Cheshire East Council
Jo Williams	Head of Service (SEND), Cheshire East Council
Gareth Perrins	Business Support and Finance Support Officer (minutes), Cheshire East Council

People who said they could not come to the meeting

Councillor Laura Jeuda	Adult Social Care and Health cabinet member
Councillor Kathryn Flavell	Children's and Families cabinet member
Christopher Hutton	Senior Policy Officer in Strategic Housing, Cheshire East Council
Jamaila Tausif	NHS Cheshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)
Jill Stenton	Senior Commissioning Manager
Sarah Marshall	Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

The next meeting

29th April 2021 at 10am via MS Teams

