



Cheshire East Partnership Board

As there were some difficulties with the Teams connection, Mark Hughes introduced everyone until the IT connection improved and Jill Broomhall could chair the meeting.



Minutes from the previous meeting

Mark Hughes went through the minutes / actions from the last meeting:

- Mark Hughes and members of the board have met with the Police and a representative will join this group;
- Surveys - Lockdown survey completed and another will be done in the future; Jill Stenton has completed the carer survey and will share with the group;
- Gerard Buckley has linked in with Sarah Jacklin for potential IT funding streams and opportunities and is updating the website;
- Louisa Joyce's presentation on the Preparing for Adulthood Strategy at the last meeting was well received, and is being taken forward;
- Gerard will be looking at linking in with LiveWell to promote the LD Partnership board and its website/social media and will report back with progress.

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted.

Self-advocates Group update:



- Claire told us that she has spent her time at home listening to people and has spoken to friends on the phone. Claire shared a recent experience which got her thinking about people looking at websites and what they find on the internet about, for example, depression, and how this can make them feel worse. Claire thought it would be a good idea to have some Easy Read information and suggested there should not be too much information as that would be overwhelming for some people.

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- Tracey Matthews said this was a good idea, things are not always easy to find on the NHS website and maybe some Easy Read information could be put on the LiveWell website.
- **ACTION: Gerard will discuss with Claire and Tom and together they can decide what information should be included, what will be useful and what they want to see available.**
- Jill Broomhall agreed it can be scary to look at information and suggested we work with Health.
- Tracey said some training packs had been developed in the past; these could be looked at with Claire/Tom and updated and distributed to people who visit doctors and hospitals.
- Claire thinks more specialist nurses were needed in hospitals who knew about autism and can help people with disabilities when they are on their own or don't have a carer with them to help them.
- Tracey Matthews suggested we find out what happens in the local hospitals and practices and bring a summary to this meeting and then look at what the gaps are. Jill Broomhall agreed this was good idea.
- Brian Patterson suggested that Tracey link in to the CWP as the CWP provide LD awareness training, they send alerts when someone is admitted to hospital so there is a person centred, adjusted care plan. Macclesfield Hospital contact Rosemount direct when someone with a disability is admitted.
- Jill Broomhall said we could pass information packs to the people who use services and the self advocates and Claire said this would be very helpful.
- Mark Hughes said the first meeting of the self advocates group had taken place in February and lots of people from various day services and groups had taken part and providers also had attended to support self advocates..
- Jill asked if Claire wanted to invite anyone else from the self advocates group to come to this Board meeting also. Jill told Claire she was a brilliant advocate and thanked her for what she had said today.

LD Partnership Board Action Plan

- Mark Hughes shared the Action Plan on the screen; Mark suggested we choosing some key priorities to focus on.
- Jill Broomhall said she wished all of them could be focussed on but said one area she was interested in developing was a credit card sized card with contact numbers on for service users to have available.
- **ACTON: Sarah Jacklin said an Autism Alert card was already available and Sarah will work with Mark to look into this.**
- Jill Broomhall also said Assistive Technology was another important area and there were some very good Apps available for people's phones.



- Tracey Matthews said the Brain in Hand app was being piloted at Cheshire West, and is used nationally. Jill thought inviting Brain in Hand to do a short presentation at the next Board meeting or to the Self Advocates Group would be a good way forward.
- **ACTION: Jill Broomhall will find the contact for Brain in Hand and invite to a future meeting.**
- Chris said he was keen to work with this group as he was already part of the Vulnerable & Older Persons Strategy Housing group and it was a good link to his work. Chris suggested a standing item on the agenda as it was a four year strategy and the Partnership Board meetings would be a good place to start the conversation.
- Jill Broomhall asked if there were any questions and how best to get everyone's views on which priorities should be taken forward by the board, so everyone was given the opportunity to say what was important to them on the Action Plan.
- Mark Hughes will get this under way by sending out the list of priorities to the board for feedback and gaining through the Self Advocates group and report back at the next meeting.
- Jill Broomhall thanked Mark for taking this forward.
- **ACTION: Mark Hughes to report back at the next meeting on priorities to be taken forward by the board.**

At this point, the Board had a coffee break.



Day Opportunities



- Gerard Buckley shared a brief presentation to update on the project to review day opportunities and the services available, and what activities can and should be provided by Cheshire East going forward. There has been a very wide consultation, including an online survey with an Easy Read version also, which ends on 31 May. Gerard will keep the Board informed about the progress made.
- Brian Patterson asked if the survey had been made available to the harder to reach LD population to capture everyone's views. Gerard confirmed Cheshire East have tried to reach a very wide audience through as many service users, carers, parents, providers, groups, and staff as possible.
- Cllr Jeuda asked what had been learned during Covid and how this will affect day services. There was a difference between the first and later lockdowns, different times of year, people felt stuck in the winter, were more affected by the restrictions. The North West ADASS report was very interesting, people had very clear ideas about what they wanted from day services and opportunities.

- Gerard replied there had been a survey in the first lockdown, people missed day services and we will reach out and ask what they want for the future, so we can widen the offer. We had very positive feedback, even though there were issues about access and transport and knowing what services are out there.
- Sarah Jacklin will add Brian to the LAC weekly bulletin and that includes the survey details and make a further connection that way. Sarah and the LACs had produced various materials during the lockdowns and various “things to do” guides, activities to take part in, interactive materials, they have tried to be creative. They have also been encouraging service users and families to complete the survey so their voices can be heard. People have missed seeing their family, meet socially, exercise, being outside, access to animals.
- Jill Stenton will be meeting this afternoon with carers on day opportunities Yesterday she had an online meeting with young carers, which was fun and interesting, they engaged very well, with a positive response from one person and parent who wants to be more involved in the Carers Forum.
- Mark Hughes said we were trying to reach out to younger people and some initial feedback is that services are needed in the evenings, at weekends, not just the 9-5 building-based service. We need to encourage providers to look at more innovation and online options also. Another area to investigate is outreach and a service for hidden carers.
- Zoe Brakewell shared that Care4CE day services had very good feedback from clients and staff, some great ideas have being suggested and new opportunities for outreach. The staff are completing the online survey with their clients and tenants.
- Jill Broomhall said the vaccines and testing are enabling some day services to open safely, and now is a great opportunity to ask people what they want available to them now and in the future.

Carers Forum


- Jill Stenton is developing all an All Age Carers Forum, bringing carers together to work collaboratively, and has had a good response so far. They will have a strong role in developing a new strategy. She is bringing the group together at the end of May; a co-chair is needed to work with Jill and Health, and will be voted in for 12 months. Jill has linked in with schools, and has had a very positive response from young carers who will join the forum.



- The Carer Survey has now closed; 259 responses received, and Jill will share the report with carers and look at the gaps. Thematic sessions will be held e.g. housing, transport and health. An action plan for 2021/22 will be produced and the group will determine the priorities.
- Jill has met with A&E staff at the hospitals to look at a clear pathway to support carers and prevent carer breakdown, help transition for self advocates / carers. Jill said if anyone was interested to please come forward.

- Jill said there is a massive interest from Cheshire staff e.g. from brokerage. In June Jill will be speaking to Organisational Development to reach out to carers in our organisation, which will set a great example.
- There had been a lot of interest in organising community respite for people in their own homes and a pilot is being undertaken and this will be used a journey to see how it goes.
- An ID card for carers is being explored. Jill is working with Lesley Hilton from the CCG.
- Jill B thanked Jill S for her tremendous work in standing up for carers.
- **ACTION: Jill Stenton to keep the board updated on the progress around the Carers Forum and Strategy.**

Any other business

- Zoe Brakewell is working on promoting employment opportunities within Social Care with, amongst others, I-Care and the DWP – will keep the group posted with how this goes.
 - Brian Patterson provided his e-mail address in order to be included in distribution of the minutes.
 - Mark Hughes has been in touch with Springfield School; they can't commit to having a young person attend this group, but they are engaging with the SEND Partnership.
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- The image shows a magnifying glass held over a document titled "Questions". The document contains a survey question: "1. What do you think about it?" with three options: "Good", "Bad", and "Not sure". The "Not sure" option is selected with a blue checkmark. There are also question marks and a small photo of a woman on the document.
- Cllr Jeuda said the work being done sounds very positive and was really interesting to hear about, looking at day opportunities in a different way and the support for carers and thanked this group for their work.
 - Cllr Jeuda will be stepping down shortly and Jill Broomhall thanked her for her tireless work for Adult Social Care, her commitment, support and dedication.
 - Jill Broomhall closed the meeting at 11.45, thanking all for attending and their contributions.

The next meeting

29 July 2021 at 10.00 on MS Teams



Members and visitors who came to the meeting

Jill Broomhall	Chair and Director of Adult Social Care Operations, Cheshire East Council
Claire Hodkinson	Self-advocate
Mark Hughes	Senior Commissioning Manager, Cheshire East Council
Gerard Buckley	Commissioning Manager, Cheshire East Council
Councillor Laura Jeuda	Adult Social Care and Health Cabinet Member
Councillor Kathryn Flavell	Children and Families Cabinet Member
Jem Davies	Healthwatch Cheshire
Sarah Jacklin	Local Area Coordinator, Cheshire East Council
Dawn Brown	Manager, Cheshire East Carers Hub
Christopher Hutton	Senior Policy Officer in Strategic Housing, Cheshire East Council
Jill Stenton	Senior Commissioning Manager, Cheshire East Council
Tracey Matthews	Cheshire CCG
Brian Patterson	Cheshire & Wirral Partnership
Zoe Brakewell	Resource Manager, Wilmslow Supported Living Network / Redesmere Day Centre, C4CE
Anna Tendyra	Administrator, Business Support & Finance Support Cheshire East Council - minutes

People who said they could not come to the meeting

Thomas Clapperton	Co-chair and self-advocate
Nicola Bartzis	Parent carer and independent advocate
Councillor Marilyn Houston	Deputy Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care & Health
Glyn Withenshaw	Parent carer

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Mandy Dickson

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Joanne Hobson

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