



Cheshire East Partnership Board



We welcomed everyone to the meeting, introductions made and people who could not attend were listed. Mark Hughes agreed to be the chair for today's meeting.

The minutes of the September 2019 meeting were agreed, with two actions points confirmed:

1. **Direct Payments:** A Tasks and Finish Group has been put together, Nicola is part of the group and will bring up previous issues raised by the Board
2. **Housing:** Gill and Glynn had been invited to a Supported Housing Scheme in Crewe. Glynn said he was impressed with the property and the way in which independent living is promoted

Before the meeting started, Mark Hughes wanted to pay tribute to Gill, a parent carer who has co-chaired the Board for a number of years, but decided to step down recently. Everyone agreed that Gill had made as great contribution to the Board, and its aims of championing the learning disability community in Cheshire East. It is hoped that she will still join the meetings in the future.

Review of the Board

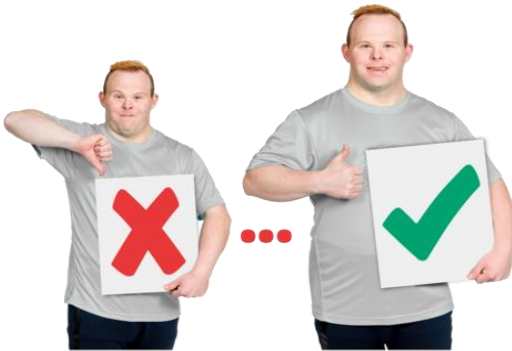
- Following the September meeting, this meeting is dedicated to the review of the Board
- Mark provided a presentation, please link to the [LDPB Review 2019](#)
- He went into more detail, by saying there are a number of drivers for the review; for example
 - ✓ The new [Learning Disability Strategy, my life my choice](#) – includes are number of areas we need to focus on
 - ✓ Like any other group, we need to encourage more involvement
 - ✓ What is the role of the Board in supporting the area subgroups?
- He also talked about the power of the Board – who we are accountable to, how do we really contribute to change?
- A lot of people wanted to speak about this, Glynn asked what we actually achieved within the Board, he has been attending for a number of years and sometimes felt that there are no improvements that can be evidenced
- Colin Jacklin said that the Board needed to have **Key Performance Indicators** - which are statements you'll use to measure if you're on track to meet your goals or objectives



- Everyone thought this was a good idea, and Mark said this approach can form part of how we measure our performance against the aims and objectives for improving things within the Strategy. This was agreed.
- Keith Evans wanted to speak about what happens in Cheshire West and Chester Council, their Partnership Board meetings are chaired by a very senior Council officer, which sometimes adds greater power in getting things done
- Sue Milne added that when she had attended the meetings in Cheshire West and Chester Council, they sometimes have a question and answer session for senior officers, everyone thought this was a great idea

Through his presentation, Mark raised 3 questions for the Board; **Question 1:**

Do you agree with the proposed vision for what the partnership board needs to achieve? Are there other key areas that should be the remit of the LD Partnership Board?



- Many people in the meeting said this can be reviewed as part of the focus on the outcomes within the Strategy
- Cllr Jeuda said it was important we ask people what they wanted

- Nicola stated that part of the aims of the Board should be promoting partnership working. Glynn suggested this can be done by pulling together the key aims within the Strategy

Question 2:

Who do we need to invite to the Partnership Board to make this happen? What organisations are missing?

- People in the meeting listed people to invite, from the Council, Health; the police; faith groups and the voluntary and community sector
- Glynn raised a suggestion that the subgroups can be more for service users, a role that supports everyone at the local level. This was agreed, Mark then suggested that the main Board could be a more 'Strategic' Board, dealing with more official things, that can then be feed to the subgroups
- Everyone said it was important that the people who attend should be those that make change happen, and we need regular people who attend and if they cannot attend, a deputy should be sent

Question 3:

What do we think the proposed structure should be in terms of:

- ✓ **Main and local boards**
- ✓ **Sub groups – do we need them?**
- ✓ **Chairing arrangements for board/local boards**
- Louise said it would be good for the Board to be able to reach out to other groups, such as other carers forums and similar groups – this was agreed
- Everyone agreed that the Board should have an action log – a record of what we are doing. Gerard indicated that this can be managed via the Board's website

- It was also agreed that document used for a meeting, for example the agenda, the minutes from the previous meeting and new action log should be sent out to members at least a week before a meeting
- Mark said we may want to create sub-groups for special things, for example a group for autism and perhaps a group to support people as they transition from a young person into adulthood. This was agreed

Question 4:

What do we think the proposed Is there anything else we need to consider as part of the review process of the LD partnership board?

- Sue Milne said it was still important to provide information in easy read – which was agreed
- Mark said that he was happy to receive any further comments, people can contact him directly by phone or email
- Some people asked if meeting on a Thursday was good or not, this can be looked into. It was suggested that a Friday may encourage people from the NHS

News and issues from advocates and carers

- A Chanel 4 programme recently featured one of our providers, 1st Enable. The programme follows a group of local young people with learning disabilities who are leaving home for the first time, moving into supported living apartments that offer the chance of independent living. There are two episodes
Link to the programmes through [Channel 4 on-Demand](#)

Please note:

- To view the programmes, you will need to register to Channel 4, which is free and easy to do
- There is a time limit for the availability of the programmes – which expires on 25 November 2019
- Cheshire East Council are not responsible for the contents of any external websites, including commercial advertising

Any other business

- Gerard said we have a new venue for our meetings – Plus Dane Housing have kindly donated their boardroom for the meetings, and it is all booked for 2020

Members and visitors who came to the meeting

Glyn	Parent Carer
Nicola	Parent Carer / Pathways
Louise Acton	Community Health Team
Sue Milne	NHS
Keith Evans	Head of Service
Louise Hill	Locality Manager, Cheshire East Council
Councillor Laura Jeuda	Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care and Health
Michelle Luerssen	CEC
Mark Hughes (Chair)	CEC Senior Integrated Commissioning Manager
Gerard Buckley	CEC Integrated Commissioning Manager
Colin Jacklin	CEC Supported Employment

People who said they could not come to the meeting

Tom	Co-chair
Jackie	Co-chair and parent carer
Jamila Tausif	NHS
Judith Thorley	NHS
Gill Morgan	Time Out Group

Next meeting.....

02 April 2020

10am to 12pm

The next meeting will be at:

Plus Dane Hosing
Shepherds Mill
Worrall Street
Congleton
CW12 1DT

Plus Dane Housing

Car parking:

- Continue to use library car park [5 minute walk]
- On street parking [time restrictions]
- [Leisure Centre](#) [2 minute walk]

Future meetings.....

- **02 July**
- **08 October**
- **14 January 2021**



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