These are the minutes of the North Cheshire East Partnership Board meeting held on 20 February 2020

North Cheshire Learning Disability Partnership Board

We welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions made to all people attending and a list of those who could not attend was made. Mark also welcomed Claire to the meeting, as the co-chair.

The minutes of the November 2019 meeting were discussed, a number of people in the meeting asked for updates on a number of things;

- **Respite provision in the north**: People in the meeting asked for an update. Mark said that while this has been discussed a number of times, the providers are near to completing the purchase

- **Parent’s issues**: Peter wanted to say that he felt the minutes of meeting does not seem to capture previous concern’s raised. Mark said that he was concerned, and that the review of the Partnership Board does include changing the way we record what has been discussed –see *What needs to happen* at the end of these minutes

**Supported Loving Project: Meet-n-Match**

- Mark introduced this project by saying the person leading the project could sadly not attend today

- But, we have been provided with a presentation, [Supported Loving Project](#)

- Mark explained that the project was to develop a social connections service for people with learning disabilities and/or autism across Cheshire and Merseyside area, working to support people in some of the following;
  - Opportunities for people to meet
  - A range of social activity opportunities with relationship support
  - Provide relationship training for people with learning disabilities and/or autism
  - Provide training for professionals
  - Develop and enhance advocacy support

- Some parent / carers wanted more information, and said they may not want their son or daughter to experience this, as it may not be the persons decision, some people cannot make a decision. Some said that there are difference between relationship and sexual contact
• Keith said that the project is about friendship rather than merely anything else. He also asked if people had seen a recent Channel 4 programme: Home Free which featured some people with learning disabilities, experiencing living independently for the first time, and starting friendships. Mark said the residents were part of a project, delivered by one of our providers – 1st Enable

• Other people in the meeting said that many people wanted to go out more, this project could help them

• Mark said that there is an event in Crewe on 29 April, where people can get more information about the Supported Loving Project, details of the event will be provided very soon

Learning Disabilities Partnership Board Review

• Mark provided an update, with a presentation of the Learning Disability Partnership Board Review

• As has been said before, the review is taking place for a number of reasons. Cheshire East now has a new All Age Learning Disability Strategy: My Life, My Choice and it is very important that the Board, main and the sub groups in the north and south, are set up so to ensure we do the important things in the strategy

• To ensure we work with lots of people for the review, more coproduction is being carried out. For example, Mark and Tom, the self-advocate co-chair of the main Board, are visiting schemes across Cheshire East and speaking to people with learning disabilities about the services we have commissioned. They is also an online survey, which closed on 09 March 2020, the results of which will be provided at the Board

• Keith wanted to ask people if they used Cheshire East Council Live Well pages? He added, feedback from people would be welcomed as part of the review - this was agreed

• Mark stated more work is being carried out for the review, anyone who would like to get involved further, can contact him, Gerard or Tom

See what needs to happen at the end
News from Advocates and Carers

- A parent carer who could not attend the meeting, wanted to raise CEC Medium Term Financial Strategy – in which it is stated that money will be made available to invest in existing sites improved facilities, bring people back into the area. Mark said this was a feasibility study to see if it was possible to make these improvements – he will keep everyone updated.

- Dawn, from the Carers Hub said they have created a working group – to wider discussion about a future Carers Reference Group – If anyone want to be involved then they can contact The Carers Hub.

Any other business

- Julian said they there is now a new fleet of cars at the Macclesfield Lifestyle Centre.

- Julian also raised an issue of staff smoking in the garden at Warwick Mews, he had raised it before, and it had clearly not been passed to the manager. People said it would not be nice and it was agreed that the manager will be contacted.

See what needs to happen at the end.
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Members and visitors who came to the meeting

Emma
Self-advocate

Julian
Self-advocate

Helen
Self-advocate

Rob Screen
Care4CE Macclesfield Leisure Centre

Peter
Parent carer

Fran
Parent carer

Margret
Parent carer

Denis
Parent carer

Felicity
Parent carer

Kate
Parent carer

Yasmina
Parent carer

Claire
Co-chair Volunteer Receptionist with CEC

Mark Hughes
Senior Commissioning Manager CEC

Keith Evans
Head of Service CEC

Gerard Buckley
CEC Integrated Commissioning Manager

Michelle Luerssen
CEC Senior Supervisory Support Worker

People who said they could not come to the meeting

Jan
Parent carer

Kate
Parent carer

Emma Surtees
CEC Practice Manager

Louise Hill
CEC Locality Manager
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Venue: Dean Row Centre, Dean Row Road, Wilmslow SK9 2HA

Time: 10:30am

Date: Thursday 21 May 2020

Future meetings 2020

10 September
26 November
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