Lancashire Learning Disability Partnership Board

Held on 20 January 2016 at 10.00 am

Cabinet Room D, County Hall, Preston

Meeting Notes

Introductions:
People who came to the meeting

Mark Shackleton Co-Chair - SAIL and REACT
Linda Stewart Co-Chair - SAIL and ELPF
James Hughes Co-Chair - REACT
Bill Nightingale Community Engagement Officer, Lancashire County Council
Amanda Topps Community Engagement Officer, Lancashire County Council
Louise Calvert REACT
Ian Greenwood ELPF Chair and SAIL
Mike Holt REACT, SAIL and Caritas Care
Nick Donkin Preston LD Forum
Peter Sefeus Preston LD Forum
Pat Afflick Preston LD Forum
Christine Campbell CSW, Fylde & Wye
Sam Gow REACT
Denise Woodburn East Lancs CCG
Joanne Murphy Senior Service Manager, Lifeways
Mavis Abel Family Carer and Chorley Forum
John Whitehead BOCS, Voice for All
Clare Whittle BOCS, Voice for All
Debbie Anderson  SAIL
Martin Cooney  Community Learning Disability Team, Burnley Pendle Rossendale
Ellen Smith  Commissioning Manager, Lancashire County Council
Liz McClennan  Brothers of Charity
Melissa Reid  Brothers of Charity
Becky Gammon  Brothers of Charity
David Wood  REACT and SAIL
Mark O'Farrell  SAIL
Natalie Vranjes  REACT
Lynette Ashton  PIMD Champion and Family Carer
Nicola Clear  Head of Disability, Lancashire County Council
Paul Daly  Provider Representative, Shared Approach
Judy Coupe  Minute Taker, Lancashire County Council

Apologies
People who could not come to the meeting

Fabian Craig-Wilson  County Councillor, Lancashire County Council
Lionel Barker  Parent Carer
Sally Nightingale  Policy, Information and Commissioning Manager, Lancashire County Council
Nichola Buczynski  Haven Group Operations Manager and North Forum
Renee Harding  West Lancashire Carer
Ann Cooper  Self-Advocate
Welcome

Ground Rules, Introductions, Apologies and Who will be the Timekeeper?

Mark Shackleton welcomed everyone to the meeting.

James Hughes and Linda Stewart agreed to co-chair with Mark Shackleton.

Introductions were made and apologies given.

Everyone was reminded about the ground rules.

New Social Work Team

Stuart Williams, Project Lead for Learning Disability Remodelling Service, gave a presentation on the Changes to Adult Care Service Structure. See attached.

It has been decided that a new specialist team, called Learning Disability and Autism (LDA) will work with people with a learning disability and autism. They will also link with the Transition Team.

The team will be made up of social workers based across Lancashire. Charlotte Hammond will be the Head of Service
The benefits for making the changes were:

- People will get the same worker
- Workers will develop good skills and knowledge about learning disability
- Services can be planned better
- Service review approach
- Understanding there is a link between learning disability and autism

Questions and Comments:

Question – Self-advocates were sometimes concerned when changes are made. Will Lancashire County Council consult with self-advocates about the changes?

Answer – There were two answers to that question

1. It was important that everyone heard about the changes. This was being done today through the presentation and the minutes.

2. Individual people will be allocated a social worker. While that social worker remained working for Lancashire County Council they will always be the allocated worker for that person and will be involved if additional work was needed.
Question – What was the Transition Team?

Answer - Jeanette Hollingdrake was the Head of Transition and she works with nine transition workers across Lancashire.

They work with young people from the age of 14 years as they grow up and become an adult. This work made sure there was a smooth change over from children's services to adult services.

Question – How will the new team link in with the established health teams?

Answer – A meeting had been arranged to discuss how the working relationships can be developed in the future. It would be good if in the future the LDA team and health teams were linked. That might not be for some time yet.

Question - Will the new team work with people with a learning disability, with people who have autism and also with people with a learning disability and also have autism?

Answer – Yes. If you have a learning disability then you will get support from the new team. If you have autism, and that includes Aspergers, you will be supported by the new team. If you have a learning disability and autism then the LDA will also provide support.
Question – Will the people working in the new team be trained in autism?

Answer – Yes. Neil Willcocks was an autism specialist and he was going to be one of the managers. He is a member of the Autism Partnership Board. The LDA team will be trained and that will include autism.

Question – How can I get in touch with the LDA team?

Answer – Contact can be made through the Customer Advice Centre.

Lancashire County Council was closing a lot of its offices to save money, but there will be four main bases. One in Preston, one in Lancaster, one in Accrington and one in Skelmersdale. There will also be smaller satellite offices across the county.

Question – Will there be people who will specialise in different conditions?

Answer – Yes. If you are eligible for a service you will be entitled to a social worker and to receive support.
**Question** – How will Lancashire County Council ensure people who need the support get it?

**Answer** – When contact is made with the Customer Advice Centre a team called Service Intake and Assessment Service will identify which service is needed. They will also identify if the service is a priority.

**Question** – At the moment people with substantial and critical needs meet the criteria for services. However, there are still problems for people who do not qualify for support. This included obtaining/renewing a NOW card.

**Answer** – Supporting people who do not qualify for a service will always be a problem and the voluntary sector can provide that support. Lancashire County Council will always look at the effect on someone if they do not have a service and work closely with the voluntary sector to support people.

Lancashire County Council have to inform people about new developments and how to obtain support. There was a new advocacy service. If not entitled to support from an advocate then a person will be signposted to where they could get help from in the community.
Stuart Williams thanked everyone for listening and for the questions. The questions showed that as a Partnership Board there was good representation made for people with a learning disability and autism.

Mavis Abel thanked Stuart for the presentation which was very clear and was easy to understand.

Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising.

The minutes from the Lancashire Partnership Board meeting held on 18 November 2015 had previously been sent out to everyone.

Actions from the previous minutes

Action: Task Group to be set up and members identified.

This was going to be discussed later in the meeting.

Action – All – As a new Board it was important to build strong partnerships across Lancashire. If anyone was aware of any agency or person who should attend the Board then please let Amanda and Bill know. Thank you for supporting the Board. This action is ongoing.
Self-Advocate Feedback

Louise Calvert gave the presentation for the self-advocates. See attached.

Questions and Comments:

The one stop shop in Burnley was now open.

Question – At the last Partnership Board meeting information was shared about the Safety in Town scheme. Does the scheme cover the evenings or only day time hours when the shops are open?

Answer – Many shops have signed up for the scheme and display the Safety in Town sticker in their window. Work is continuing to get more establishments to join the scheme. This includes pubs and clubs.

Safety in Town packs were available from James Hughes, Mike Holt or Amanda Topps. Details of the scheme will be included on the new website (when launched).
Lancashire Partnership Board Website

A new website was being developed. A presentation was given showing everyone what the new website was going to look like.

Full details of the website will be given when it is launched.

Friends and Relationships

The activities open to people with a learning disability were shown as part of a presentation.

There are lots of different ways people can communicate with each other, and lots of different activities were they can meet up.

Group work followed. To think about what activities were available across Lancashire.

What new ideas did people have to help people to make friends and build relationships?
Some of the top suggestions were:

- Walking groups
- Interest groups e.g. photography
- Walking football
- You'll never watch alone
- Adjustments for people with autism – more specialist events
- Community inclusion
- Drumming groups

All the suggestions were collected and Amanda will be doing some further work with the information.

**Update – Carers**

There will be a meeting on 27 January 2016 to discuss the future of the Lancashire Carers Forum.

Information about learning disability will be included in the carers newsletter.

Bill has met with N-compass carers service. A representative will attend future Partnership Board meetings.
Update - Providers

At the providers meeting Jared Williamson gave a presentation on the withdrawal of the Preferred Provider's Scheme.

The scheme will be discussed at a future Partnership Board meeting.

Update – Local Forums

The local forums were:

- North
- Chorley and South Ribble
- Preston
- East

Each Forum will discuss local issues and the issues will be discussed at the Partnership Board if it was a county wide theme.

The Forums will build links with each other to share information.

Forums were asked to send any issues highlighted to Amanda. She will either forward on the issue to one of the sub groups or bring the matter to the Partnership Board for discussion.
Another option might be to give each Forum a five minute slot and Board members could discuss and make the decision if the issue should be a future agenda item.

**Update - Commissioners**

Transforming Care - At the last meeting Sally Nightingale gave a presentation and update on Transforming Care. Transforming means changing. This work was identified from Winterbourne View.

A Confirm and Challenge Group has been set up to discuss issues. The first meeting was due to take place on 10 February 2016.

Self-Assessment Framework - There was no updated information.

Consultation on Lancashire County Council Budget – full details can be found on Lancashire County Council's website – click on 'Have Your Say'.

Everyone was encouraged to look at the website and give their views and comments. Self-advocates could be supported.
Any Other Business

Learning Disability Network - Amanda and Ellen are going to attend the next meeting. They will give a presentation about the work done by the Partnership Board.

Disability Football – a group run by Fleetwood Football Club. Full details can be obtained from Amanda.

Thank you and Goodbye – This was Bill's last Partnership Board meeting before he left Lancashire County Council.

A round of applause was given to show appreciation for all the work done by Bill.

Mark Shackleton thanked Bill for his hard work.
Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on:
30 March 2016
9.45 am for a 10.00 am start

To be held in the:
Cabinet Room D
County Hall
Preston

The proposed theme is the Lancashire County Council Budget