



Lancashire Learning Disability Partnership Board

Live Well Sub Group 10am - 1pm County Hall B02

Notes 19 January 2017

What did we talk about



Welcome

1. Welcome, Introductions and Opening Round

Natalie Vranjes, React
Mark Hampson, Project Worker React
Stephen Smith, Project Worker React
James Hughes, React Team Leader

2. Apologies

Mike Holt
Ellen Smith
Amy Bishop
Amanda Topps, Community Engagement Officer,
Lancashire County Council
Gill Collins, Employment Support Service manager,
Lancashire County Council
Kath White, Ormerod Trust, Family carer
David Wood, Project Worker React, (doing first aid training)
Richard Woods, Project Worker React, (doing first aid
training)
Steve Whelan, County Day Service manager
Anne Bennett, East Lancashire People First
Sharon, React Volunteer

Pat Afflick, Integrate
Russell Wilkinson, East Lancashire People First
Paul Blythin, Sport England
Ian Greenwood



3. Updates from North West Living Well Group

North West Self-Advocacy Conference 2017

A number of the Lancashire self-advocates will have to step down from their North West sub groups in February and put them up for re-election if they want to continue.

Over 15 people will be attending this year's conference. The partnership board is again this year going to pay towards 10 people getting half price places.

Y-B-Shy conference in November 2016

This happened in November and over 80 people attended. Nat enjoyed it and is less embarrassed to talk about sex and relationships.

Stephen hosted the conference and was proud to do so.

The food was excellent.



4. Reviewing our Actions

We went through the minutes from the last meeting.

Amanda was not at the meeting to report on her actions.



5. Self-Advocacy contract update

React are pleased that they were successful in getting the advocacy contract until the end of December 2017.

The contract wants us to engage with more young people and people in transitions. We also want to involve more young people from a Black Asian and Minority Ethnic backgrounds, (people from different cultures).

We have already set up a new group at Fylde Day Service in Kirkham called the “Feel Good Group” which meets once a month.



6. Safety in Town Update

There was a meeting on 9 January and we went over the list of venues that are signed up to be safe places in Lancashire.

The next step is to have a launch event but we want to make a video first to show people how safety in town works.

The media team from Whalley Merseycare are helping us make the video.

Another planning meeting will be held on Tuesday 24 January at Plungington Community Centre and we will decide how to put together a story board for the video.

A lot of hard work has been put in by people with learning disabilities for this project.



7. Items for our Action Plan - discussion

What actions does the group need to take?

What can we do about it?

People with Learning disabilities being parents

We felt this was an important thing to discuss in a future meeting.

People with learning disabilities regularly get their children taken into care. This is taking away their human rights to have children.

We know some people who have children but we also know people who have had their children taken into care.

We think that more people could keep their children if the right support was given to them.

Like using Shared Lives scheme to support people with children.

Action: To add this to next agenda

Education

A lot of people are no longer doing any courses at college since the big changes to what courses the colleges are running. Some people do not have the money to pay to do a college course or feel they have to pay.

Transitions

We were a bit confused of what this meant for people. James explained that it is when you are 14 and at school that you needed to start to plan your life into adulthood.

Steve thought it was something to do with transforming care.

Action - invite someone from transitions team to explain their job.

Employment

Jill was unable to attend but did send James an update.

The next Employer Forum has been scheduled for 31 January at Preston's College.

More employers will be attending including Lancaster and Morecambe NHS, Lancashire Care Foundation Trust, Chorley Borough Council and others that Paul and Amy have spoken to.

There will also be a young man with a disability who is in work going to tell employers what it felt like for him and what his fears were when going into work.

The aim will be to keep it positive and show where people have moved into work and hopefully get some commitment from the employers to recruit or at least offer a work placement.



8. Agenda for next meeting

We want to talk about:

People with learning disabilities being parents

Transport

Transition

Advocacy

Education

Review the ideas around the Lancashire What's On Directory.

Amanda to show Directory and where it is up to.



9. Any other business

There was no other business.



End of meeting

Date of Next Meeting is 23 March 2017 from 10-1pm in D05 at County Hall.



Dates of meetings in 2017

13 July

21 September

23 November