



# Lancashire Learning Disability Partnership Board

Held on 13 November 2019 at 10.00 am

Cabinet Room C, County Hall, Preston

## Meeting Notes



Welcome

### 1. WELCOME AND HOUSEKEEPING

Mark O'Farrell welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained about the ground rules and use of the red and green cards.



James Hughes explained the need for this to be a positive and productive meeting, and why it would not be possible for any personal matters to be discussed.

## **2. INTRODUCTIONS**



### **People who came to the meeting**

James Hughes - Co-Chair / REACT

Mark O'Farrell - Co-Chair /REACT

Mark Shackleton - Co-Chair /REACT

Kiran Banati - Co-Chair / Community Engagement Officer, LCC

Amy Niven – Libraries

Charlotte Hammond – Head of Service, LCC

Ellen Smith - Commissioning Manager, LCC

David Lovelady – Service Manager, Housing Specialist

Anushka Karmali – Development Officer, 360 degrees Healthcare

Ruth Abram – Disability Equality North West (DENW) Hate Crime Project

Ashley Gibson – Lancashire Police

David Wood - REACT

Alison Tupling - Parent Carer

David Hinchliffe – Visually Impaired Forum

Denise Wilkinson – Carer, Visually Impaired Forum

Carol Ward – Blackburn with Darwen LD & APB

Thusira Kenyon – Brothers of Charity

Lee Singh

Raeesa Patel – Prevent Delivery Officer

John Thompson – BOC UFA

Daniel Hall – BOC UFA





Sue Sharples - U-Night Group  
Stephen Haywood – U-Night Group  
Lauren Mawdsley – New Minute Taker, LCC (commencing January 2020)  
Alyson Lam - Minute Taker, LCC

### **3. APOLOGIES**

**People who could not come to the meeting.**



Mavis Abel – Parent/Carer  
Becky Gammon – Brothers of Charity  
Cllr Peter Steen - Chair / County Councillor / Member Champion for the Disabled

### **4. MINUTES AND ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING HELD 16 September 2019**



The minutes from the meeting held on 16 September 2019 had previously been sent out to the Board via email.



Sue Sharples did not agree with some the previous minutes about the BBC Breakfast TV visit. Sue said she emailed Kiran about it 7 days before. Sue had expected Kiran to have told people about it.



Kiran did not agree and she was only told about it the day before. Kiran said she had an email to clarify this. Sue still did not agree and said she sent an email to Kiran on 7<sup>th</sup> September and Kiran answered her on the 8<sup>th</sup>.



Sue was asked to contact David Carr about it, but she did not know him. David's first question was to ask what the risk to the Department was and who was responsible for the Relationship groups. She was not happy about this as it seemed the Local Authority were saying it was not their responsibility. She did not think it was her job. As she was doing it voluntarily on behalf of the Partnership Board she felt it was a joint responsibility.



Sue felt all sub-groups needed clear instructions around who was responsible. She did not think it was fair they should be held responsible when doing something on behalf of the Partnership Board.



Sue told David Carr there was no risk and she felt Lancashire came out really well.

Charlotte Hammond thanked Sue for her comments and reassured her the article was lovely and there was lots of positive feedback. Charlotte Hammond asked Sue to send her the emails and she will follow this up.



Charlotte asked people to send her a short note or an email if anything important was happening. She would then make sure the right people knew about it.



Charlotte saw it on twitter and Councillor Graham Gooch had sent her an email before she got to work. He was asking for more details about the curfew in people's own homes and wanted to make sure that was not happening. She told him they were working hard to change this.



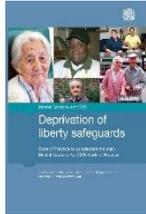
### **Lancaster Bus Station** and NOW Cards (held over from LDPB 09.07.19)

An enquiry was made about Lancaster bus station being sold by the council and about the NOW cards being stopped.

**There was to be no change in NOW cards.**



It was still not clear whether **Lancaster Bus Station** was up for sale. It was agreed the Partnership Board would send an email to County Councillor Andrew Snowden to clear this up.



## Lancashire Safeguarding Adults Board, Mental Capacity Act and Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards group

- Cate Short will feedback to Lorraine Elliott the suggestion for carers to be represented on the MCADOLS group.
- The Partnership Board will think about whether a Sub-Group was needed and if so choose a representative to attend the MCADOLS group.

**This was done. Cate Short had also provided a link to some information around Hate Crime on the LSAB website. This was shared with LDPB members on 11 November.**



'Hate Crime Week' is being held in October. Activities are planned and if anybody wants to be part of it please contact Ruth Abram or James Hughes who has her contact details.

## Easy Read Group



A meeting was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2019.

## LDPB Website



**Ongoing Action:** Victoria Wilson to ensure that the LDPB website is up to date after meetings. **This had been done.**



## 5. OVERVIEW OF TODAY'S AGENDA



**Prevent - Action Counters Terrorism**



**Questions**



**Coffee Break**



**Approved Provider List Update**



## Updates from the subgroups



### Any burning issues/ information?

#### **PREVENT AWARENESS: Mel Waddington - Lancashire Police Team**



Mel Waddington is a PREVENT Community Engagement Officer in South Lancashire. Her job is to teach the community how to spot signs of terrorism, or people being radicalised. She also showed people how to protect themselves online around terrorism.



Mel gave a presentation on her work with PREVENT which explained the dangers to the community. She also showed a video from Channel 4 news. This was about a young person called Mark who was radicalised into the 'Far Right' group.



Mel talked about what the Police were doing to reduce the danger to the community. Her team were working with the Council to do this. The Police need help from the public to keep people safe and report anything they see that is worrying. Mel talked about the worrying signs to look out for.



Charlotte Hammond said some of this was scary and difficult to understand. She felt people needed to remember it did not happen all the time. Charlotte asked Mel if her talk could be done at a level where people could understand how to keep themselves and their friends safe.



There was a chat about what made someone vulnerable. Feeling lonely was a big worry for some people with a learning disability. Charlotte wondered if there was something the Partnership Board could do to look at this.



Carol Ward used to be a Prevent Officer. She had done a lot of research about autism and the link with breaking the law. She found out people with autism were very vulnerable. She wrote a report and found it was a serious problem which was not being looked at properly.



Sue Sharples asked if there was any Easy Read information about this. She felt this would help get the message across more easily to everyone in the community. Mel said there wasn't, but she would look into it.

# BIG words

Mark O'Farrell thanked Mel for her presentation. Mark said it was good, but there was a lot of jargon which made it difficult to understand. Mel agreed and said she had learned a lot from this talk.



James Hughes said if people were worried about anything they should always tell someone. David Wood said they always looked after each other when they travelled around the area.



Charlotte Hammond asked Mel if the Partnership Board could help her to put this message into an easy read format. Mel thanked the Partnership Board for this offer and said she would take it back to her Manager.



Denise Wilkinson asked if a link could be put on the Partnership Board website to make it easier for people to report anything they were worried about.

**Ash Gibson said he would send the link.**



## Coffee Break

### APPROVED PROVIDERS' LIST UPDATE – Ellen Smith



Ellen Smith was standing in for Julie Dockerty. Ellen gave a presentation and update about the new Approved Provider List. This was about housing and supported living for people with a learning disability, mental health issues and autism.



A questionnaire was put online asking people for their views about what they were asking Providers to do. There was also an easy read version of this. There were 38 responses. Julie was a bit disappointed as she had hoped to get more.



Most people were happy about the introduction of the Approved Provider List. 9 ideas became clear from the results of the questionnaire.



Charlotte Hammond made it clear people were not being told they had to move. She explained the changes were needed because some households did not work. There were many reasons for this.



One reason could be because the people living there did not get on well with each other. One person might want to stay there, but want the other person(s) to move out. It may be that everyone needed to leave and different offers made to each person. Some people may prefer to live alone, but had never been given that choice.



Charlotte said there may be times they would have to talk to people about having to move, or look at something else. There is a big list of vacancies, but not everyone wants them. Some people need a lot of support in their own home, but may not need to live with lots of other people.



Sue Sharples said some people were concerned they would end up with just one model. She felt people needed to know they had a choice of living models. Charlotte made it clear there was no plan to get rid of supported living.



A lot of people were not happy as Housing Associations were taking a lot longer to do repairs to homes. Some people had to wait a long time for repairs to be done. People felt this was wrong when the Council were paying a lot of money for supported living.



David Lovelady used to work for a Housing Association. He said the Service User or Advocate must keep on raising any issues that need to be dealt with. Each Housing Association had a time limit for repairs to be done. If they are not done in this time the service user/Advocate should make a complaint. Charlotte said if this was not done the Service User may be able to ask for some of their money back.



There was good feedback regarding relationships, but people had asked for more detail about this. This was now being looked at again and more detail will be given.



Sue Sharples said the Friends and Relationship Group would like to know what the extra details were. She asked if Julie could let the group see it before it was sent out. Ellen said she would ask Julie.



Lee asked if service users should have a meeting in their own house regarding their tenancies. David Lovelady said when asking a Service User about their experiences, it should be done away from the service provider. Ellen said it could be done via a sub-group.



Charlotte said if people went to meetings without their carers they may feel more able to speak openly about issues. People should not worry about struggling when at meetings, as other people there would be happy to help them.



David said in his other job there was a tenancy group who went out to look at properties. Maybe we could do the same? Some service users could be trained to do spot checks on homes. They could then feedback and talk to other service users.



They were not saying everybody had to have a Job. Ellen said they may do spot checks to see if the Provider was helping people to have a job if they wanted one.



Lee said some people did voluntary work and got new skills by doing this. Charlotte agreed that was a good thing to do in the community. In Lancashire, less than 2% of people with a learning disability had a paid job.



Having ANY type of job had lot of plus points.

- It will build a person's place in the community.
- People get to know you and will look out for you.
- If anything was not right they will notice and help you.



Denise wondered if 'Access to Work' could be asked to speak to the Partnership Board. People did not know what support was out there to help them get and keep a job.

**Everyone agreed this as an Action.**



Charlotte said there were a lot of people who could support Providers. Social Workers should be speaking to people and showing how they were helping people to find jobs.



The Provider will be able to choose which area they want to work in.



The plan is to publish the list by the end of November. All feedback is being looked at and reviewed. They will keep everyone updated and give feedback at the next meeting. Feedback will also be sent out to people.



## **UPDATES FROM SUBGROUPS.**



## **FRIENDS AND RELATIONSHIPS GROUP**

James Hughes read out the feedback from Sue Sharples



## Sexual Health Service Leaflets



We have been working with Lancashire Sexual Health Service for nearly 3 years to develop an easy read information leaflet. At last it is ready. Copies of the leaflet was given out to people at the meeting.



The Friends and Relationships Group were proud to have been involved in this project, but it had been frustrating.



## Training for Sexual Health Workers

We are going to train the Sexual Health Staff how to make their service accessible for people with a learning disability. This will start in February next year.



## Friends and Relationships Group Strategy

We have spent the last 6 months developing our plan for the next 2 years. We will tell you more about it at the next meeting and we will ask how you can help to make it happen.

It is called 'COPE' because that is what everyone wants to be able to do:

- C** for Campaigning.
- O** for Opportunities.
- P** for Participation.
- E** for Education.





## **No Bedtimes Campaign**

We have signed up to be Ambassadors for the **'No Bedtimes'** campaign. This is part of the **'Stay up Late'** Group. There is information on their website for providers about flexible rotas.

A leaflet was given to everybody at the meeting. Please share this information.



## **Safeguarding**

Barry from the Safeguarding Team came to our last meeting. Sue is going to talk to the Safeguarding Team in December about sexual abuse and prevention.



## **HEALTH EVENT**

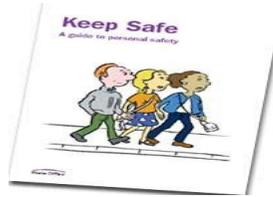
This was held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at Chorley Hospital Education Centre, 10:30 am - 3pm



- **It went extremely well**
- **People enjoyed the talk on diet and portions—people asked lots of questions**



- Chair based exercises were very useful and interesting
- We enjoyed the day very much
- Thanks to the LD team at the hospital



## KEEP SAFE



Mental Capacity Act 2005



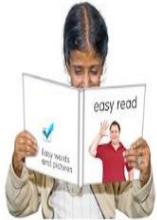
- Setting up task group for MCADOLs
- Work with Ashley Gibson's team –knife crime, drug crime and hate crime -information and advice.
- Trading standards - Keeping up-to-date with frauds and scams.
- Feeling safe at home and in my community – easy read.
- Keeping your money safe – easy read.



## LIVE WELL IN MY COMMUNITY



- **Developing Shared- Reading Groups in libraries**
- **Raising awareness of LDPB**
- **Starting this with libraries, community groups and organisations.**
- **Working closely with Library services -Amy Niven – bibliography officer.**



### **Easy Read Group**

- **We met on the 6<sup>th</sup> November at 10am**
- **We discussed –the purpose and the role of the group**
- **The next meeting is on the 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 10:30 in County Hall.**
- **The minutes of the group will be circulated soon**



### **ANY INFORMATION TO SHARE**



James Hughes said they were encouraging people to vote in General Election on 12<sup>th</sup> December.

James will find out any useful information about voting forms.



Charlotte Hammond welcomed Lauren Mawdsley. She had asked Lauren to help organise Partnership Board meetings and will take the Minutes in future. Lauren will link in with Kiran.



James Hughes wished everybody a Happy Christmas and New Year.



## DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> January - 10am-12:45pm @ County Hall.

The room will be confirmed as soon as possible.



## To Listen to the Minutes

If anyone wants documents and minutes of meetings read aloud the **Adobe reader** has this built in so individuals can read the minutes? People who have paid support may need staff to set this up with them. You can see how to set it up using this you tube video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ETOohmYui3Q>

