



Lancashire Learning Disability Partnership Board

Held on 30 March 2016 at 10.00 am

Cabinet Room D, County Hall, Preston

Meeting Notes



Introductions: People who came to the meeting

Mark Shackleton	SAIL and REACT
Linda Stewart	Co-Chair, SAIL and ELPF
James Hughes	Co-Chair, REACT
Fabian Craig-Wilson	Co-Chair, County Councillor, Lancashire County Council
Louise Calvert	SAIL
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
Martin Graham	Preston LD Forum
Peter Green	Integrate (Preston and Chorley) Ltd
Sue Pemberton	Integrate and Lancashire Learning Disability Consortium
Sam Gow	REACT
Mary Mychaleckyj	Student Social Worker
Miriam Parker	Student Social Worker
Mavis Abel	Family Carer and Chorley Forum

John Whitehead	BOCS, Voice for All
Debbie Anderson	SAIL
Martin Cooney	Community Learning Disability Team, Burnley Pendle Rossendale
Ellen Smith	Commissioning Manager, Lancashire County Council
Nicola Hall	Lancashire Adult Learning
Charlotte Hammond	Head of Service Learning Disability and Autism, LCC
Carol Pollard	Service Manager, Carers Link
Becky Gammon	Voice for All
David Wood	REACT and SAIL
Mark O'Farrell	SAIL
Natalie Vranjes	REACT
Lynette Ashton	PIMD Champion and Family Carer
Richard	SAIL
Paul Daly	Provider Representative, Shared Approach
Cate Short	Assistant Project Manager, Learning Disability Shared Lives Remodelling Project
Stephen Smith	REACT Project Worker
Miriam Bailey	Minute Taker, LCC



Apologies

People who could not come to the meeting

Lionel Barker	Parent Carer, Chorley and South Ribble
Sally Nightingale	Policy, Information and Commissioning Manager, Lancashire County Council
Nicola Clear	Head of Disability, Lancashire County Council
Bethan H	Family Carer
Liz McClennan	Brothers of Charity
Paul Daly	Provider Representative, Shared Approach
Claire Whittle	Brothers of Charity
Zoe Wilson	

Welcome



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

Fabian, Linda and James co-chaired the meeting.

Everyone was welcomed to the meeting.

Everyone introduced themselves and apologies were received from people who could not come to the meeting.



Everyone was reminded about the ground rules.

Ian Greenwood offered to be the time-keeper.

Minutes of the last meeting and actions



Everyone looked at the minutes of the last meeting.

There was an action from the last meeting for everyone to think about new members for the board. Anyone who has any ideas can speak to Amanda.



Everyone agreed that the minutes of the last meeting were correct.

Lancashire Learning Disability Budget



Ellen Smith gave a presentation about the budget. The presentation is being sent out with these minutes.

There has not been any extra money for the budget for five years and there are more people with learning disabilities who need support.



Cate explained what Ordinary Residence means. This is people who have come from other parts of England and Wales to live in Lancashire. After a while Lancashire County Council has to pay for their support. The rules have changed because of the Care Act but this still means that there is added pressure to the budget.

If people from Lancashire are in residential care in another part of the country Lancashire County Council still has to pay for them.



There is going to be more pressure on the budget in the future. It is not easy to say what will happen in the future. The board needs to work together to look at what can be done.



Questions and comments about the budget presentation

Question - Becky asked about the new rules that mean she can no longer go on holiday with the people she lives with.



Answer – this is because of the new laws about working times and staff needing to have a break.



Question - Mavis asked about the money given to Lancashire under the Transforming Care Fast Track scheme.



Answer – Charlotte Hammond explained that the amount of money from Fast Track was not enough to support all the people who needed to move on. The money helped to keep some services open whilst other ones closed down. Most of the people in hospital settings were funded by health but when they moved out of those settings social care were expected to pay for them. Health would put some monies in for those people but it was still a big pressure on the budget. They were hoping to come to an agreement with some Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) so that they would carry on funding people whilst they moved into their own home. If people were ready to move on they needed to be able to but money was very tight.



Question – how many people have been discharged from Assessment and Treatment Units since January?

Answer – **Cate will find out. Sally Nightingale could be invited to a meeting to give an update on Transforming Care.**



Question – how can self-advocates help to save money?

Answer – this is being looked at as part of the group work later in the meeting.



Question – When the council made cuts to the budget did they check that the changes would not have a negative effect on the lives of people

with a learning disability?



Answer – for a long time people with a learning disability have been provided with a lot of support. Sometimes people have not been able to develop their own skills or be as independent as possible.



The council now needs to look at how to support people to be more independent. They need to build confidence in people so that they can use their own skills instead of paying for a lot of support. They also need to look at equipment and adaptations and re-design services so that the way people are supported is more cost effective.



There might be some big changes and at first these may seem startling. Charlotte could not promise that services won't change but they will make sure that people are still safe.



Question – will the changes take notice of people with profound and severe disabilities who are not able to be independent due their needs?



Answer – this will be taken into account. They will look at all people who are supported and make sure that everyone is safe.



Question – if people are going to be more independent will they lose staff?

Answer – the team supporting the work is really short of staff at the moment. The team needs new staff. They will all be trained to make sure



that cuts are made in a safe way. They need to understand what people can do and what might be possible in the community. The team will talk to people and also talk to their advocates, family and to staff. They will put together a plan to meet people's needs. Whatever they suggest will have to be safe.



Charlotte noted that they did not want people to be scared or worried. If someone needed support twenty four hours a day that was what they would get. They would do their best to listen to people and do what was best for them.



Action: - Sally Nightingale to be invited to a meeting to give an update on Transforming Care.



Provider Budget Pressures

Peter and Sue gave a presentation about the financial pressures being faced by providers. The presentation is being sent out with these minutes.



Lancashire Learning Disability Consortium has 13 full members and associate members.



Providers know that Lancashire County Council has financial pressures but this means that there is more pressure on providers.



The increase in the minimum wage from 1 April means that there are more costs to providers. From Friday the cost to providers for a sleep-in will be £82.74 per night. The changes also mean that it will be difficult for providers to recruit and keep staff as other employers will be

paying the same. They are concerned that some providers will not be there by the end of the year.



The government is pushing up costs and driving down council budgets. The care system is in trouble.



Self-Advocate Feedback

Natalie gave a presentation about the work the self advocates have been doing. The presentation is attached.



Natalie told us about the Blackpool Conference. All the self-advocates at the meeting shared what they had enjoyed at the conference:



- going to workshops
- meeting people and making new friends
- learning the Makaton signs to the song 'Roar' and performing them at the Gala Dinner.



They learned about things like Safety in Town and direct payments. Becky had gone to a maternity workshop and heard upsetting stories about how mothers with learning disabilities were treated.



Richard had been to the conference for the first time and had done his own workshop. He had enjoyed listening to other people's ideas. Alex had also attended for the first time and used the roving mike to talk to the whole conference.



Lancashire was well represented at the conference. Visual minutes were recorded for each day of the conference. Becky won the Outstanding Leader award.



Money has been given by NHS England to train self-advocates and providers on health screening.



Self-advocates thought that the cuts to bus services were not clear. It was reported in the paper that the council would spend £6.6 million to save money. Fabian agreed to talk to the chair of the working group on bus services to say that there had to be an easy read way of explaining what would be happening. She would also talk to them about the problems of losing bus services for people with a learning disability.



Action: Fabian will talk to the chair of the working group on bus services to say that there needs to be an easy read way of explaining what is happening with the bus cuts and services.

Fabian will also talk to them about the problems of losing bus services for people with a learning disability.



Charlotte explained that an independent organisation was working with the council to help them to be more efficient. They were good at challenging things that did not make sense. A lot of things were done that was not a good way to spend money. The organisation would look at ways of working so that the council had

more money to spend on services instead of staff. It would make a big difference to services.



There will be a Friends and Relationships conference on 22 June 2016 in Fosters Building, UCLAN. It is part of Learning Disability Awareness Week and organised by React.



Self-advocates had thought about some questions for the presentation about the budget cuts. It was agreed that any questions that could not be answered today would be included in the minutes and Charlotte would try to answer the questions and come back with the answers for the next meeting.



Questions



Question - Will it be harder to get a social worker?

Answer - At the last meeting Stuart Williams talked about reforming learning disability services. There was extra money for social workers for people with a learning disability so it should not be harder.



Question - Are services going to get worse as Lancashire County Council needs to save money?



Question - Are more day centres going to close?



Question - Will there be less support from LCC for peer and group advocacy?



Question - Will there be more pressure on people who live alone in supported housing to share a house?



Question - Will people with little or no support find it harder to get the help they need?



Question - I live in a house supported by staff but want to live on my own without staff. How will you help me and people like me?



Action: Charlotte to come back to next meeting with answers to the questions asked.

Budget Questions and Group Work



The presentations earlier in the meeting showed the problems being faced by the council and providers because there was not enough money.



Amanda gave a presentation about the questions for board members to look at so they could try to come up with new ideas to move forward. The presentation is being sent out with these minutes.



Everyone split into groups to look at the questions. The ideas from the groups are being sent out with the minutes.



Updates

Please see the attached presentation.



Carers

There is a lot of concern from carers about transitions. They are worried that services will be downgraded. Carers are being told things by education staff but don't feel included in decisions.



Carers don't feel that there has been enough communication about what it means or enough information about where to go for independent advice such as the Integrated Wellbeing Service.



Ellen explained that Jeanette Hollingdrake had gone to the last Autism Board Meeting. The family carer group there had similar questions.

There was a lot of confusion about eligibility and banding. The information from that meeting could be shared with the Learning Disability Partnership Board. If carers still had questions they could let Ellen know and she would follow them up with Jeanette.



Mavis noted that 5 May 2016 is European Independent Living Day.

Action: Ellen to share information from Jeanette Hollingdrake from the Autism Partnership Board.



Providers

There was nothing else to feedback from providers.



Local Forums

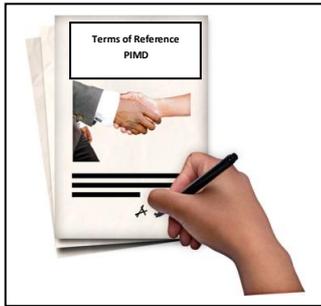
The Profound Intellectual and Multiple Disability Sub Group of the former North Lancashire Partnership Board have asked to be recognised by the board. Amanda will circulate the terms of reference for the group and invite members to join. The group are happy to meet in Preston if members from other areas come forward. They represent people with complex needs who don't use words to communicate.



A meeting has been arranged for Chorley and South Ribble Family Network to look at how they go forward now that Bill has retired. The Chorley local forum has offered to facilitate meetings for the group.



East Lancashire Forum are starting to plan meetings to link in with partnership board topics. The next one is health.



Action: Amanda will circulate the terms of reference for the PIMD group and invite members from across the county to join.



Commissioners

Cate gave a presentation. It is being sent out with these minutes.



Self-Assessment Framework

There have not been any formal meetings or visits from NHS England. It is understood that a national group has been formed to look at the previous returns and take on board the feedback about what worked well and what did not work well. The questions had not reflected what was important to people. They are now looking at developing a new framework but there is no time frame.



A complicated presentation has been received from the Department of Health.



Action: Ellen will share an easier to understand version at the next meeting.



Sub-Groups

The Living Well and Keeping Safe groups have been looking at their 'Terms of Reference' and what areas of work they want to do. They are waiting for reps from Adult Social Care to join the groups.



The Conform and Challenge group has held its first meeting. This group is for self advocates and family carers to check the progress, plans and actions the commissioners are making for the Transforming Care Fast Track.



The My Life, My Support group met on 29 March and will continue to meet. They would like more providers to join them. They will be meeting at Plungington Road Community Centre, Plungington, Preston.



The next meeting is on Tuesday 26 April 10-12.



Action: Amanda to send out the dates of My Life, My Support meetings and minutes of previous meetings to all providers.



Any Other Business

There was no other business to discuss.



Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on:
Wednesday 18 May 2016
9.45 am for a 10.00 am start

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



The proposed theme is the Self-Assessment Framework but this may be changed if the new framework is not sent out soon.