







Learning Disability Partnership Board

Monday 24 April 2023

Meeting led by Sarah Watson and Will Davies

	<h3>What we talked about at the meeting</h3>	<h3>What we said we would do</h3>
 	<h3>What we said we would do last meeting</h3> <p>Last meeting, we agreed that:</p> <p>Jenny Cain would get the meeting minutes on the Council's accessible webpage. She was told it couldn't be done. She is going to go back and question that.</p>	<p>Jenny Cain will go back to the Council's website people to try get the minutes on the accessible webpage.</p>
 	<h3>Presentation on 'Activities' survey – Speak Out</h3> <p>Sarah Watson presented.</p> <p>The presentation and the focus group studies are attached.</p>	

	<p>Presentation on ‘Activities’ survey – Carers Centre</p> <p>Lou Aish presented on behalf of Steve Castellari.</p> <p>The presentation is attached.</p>	
	<p>Presentation on ‘Activities’ survey – Parent and Carers Council</p> <p>Fiona England presented.</p> <p>She said they had been delayed because they had had a government inspection. She asked whether the board thought they should try to get more answers than they got.</p> <p>The presentation is attached.</p>	<p>The Board needs to tell the Parent and Carers Council whether they should do more surveys or leave it.</p>
	<p>Discussion about the ‘Activities’ survey results</p>	



The Big Plan
2021 to 2026

Fiona England asked the Council members how they would use the information they had got from the surveys.

The Council said the information would guide what they do in their working groups so that it fits with what the learning disability community wanted.

Council to continue reporting back to the Board about how the information has guided their work and policies.



People noticed that the cost of activities and services was something that was affecting a lot of people in the surveys.

Will Davies asked if the Council would think about paying for part of the cost of things. Council members said they would think about it but it would be unlikely.



Frances Sulikosky said that activities and services like Team Domenica were great, but didn't have many places available.

She asked what about employment support for other people who couldn't get in and were currently missing out?



The board noticed that lots of people had problems with transport to and from activities.

We talked about solutions – technology and more support or resources for organisations to help people.

Fiona England talked about planning travel training into college programs and other education pathways.

Working groups would continue to work on this issue.



Steve Hook told people that the Council had decided that Personal Assistant and direct payment salary rates were going up soon.

Fiona England said we should advertise this good news more widely to get more people into these jobs.

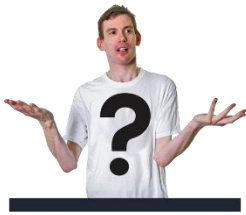
Steve Hook and his team will think about how to advertise this news and try to get more young people and staff.

Steve Hook will send further information out later.



Jenny Cain wanted to thank all the people who did the survey for the information they have provided, it is really useful for the Council.

Learning disability providers to pass on the thanks to their members.



Frances Sulikosky said that a lot of people raised the issue of not knowing what activities and services there were, and where and when they are.



Richard Stevenson said they now had a map of everything from the 'Making it Real' event, and they would work towards sharing this information with people. People said this was an ongoing issue.



Presentation – Information & Advice work group



Jenny Cain presented about the group's work. The presentation is attached.

The working group has been looking at:



- **The 'Accessible Information Standard'**. They are sending information out to Council and other organisations on how to make good easy-read and accessible information for people. They help train organisations and give feedback.



- **Staff training.** They check learning disability providers have done the right training, and recommend any more they should do.

Jenny Cain asked if the Link Group will help them make a video. The Link Group has agreed.

Jenny will send further information.



- **Housing and support.** They have put more accessible information about this on the Council's accessible webpage.



Update – ‘Making it Real’ event



Richard Stevenson told the board about the event that the Council held in March.



It was for learning disability providers to tell the Council their thoughts and experiences on activities, relationships and people feeling safe in Brighton and Hove after all the changes of Covid-19.

The Relationships, Friendships, and Feeling Safe working group will make a ‘task and finish’ plan to plan what they will do over the next year or so.



They got lots of good information, which Jane Viner is bringing together into a report to guide the work of the Relationships, Friendships and Feeling Safe working group.



Update – TakePart Festival 2023

Frances Sulikosky told the board about the TakePart Festival, which the Link Group is helping the Council deliver in June.

She told people the festival was on Saturday 17 June 2023 and it was all about physical activities. The Link Group will gather feedback on the day on how accessible the festival was for people with learning disabilities and present it back to the board.

Frances Sulikosky to send out advertising information for the event to the board email list.

The Link Group to present their feedback on the event to the board.



Other things people raised



Housing and Support

Lou Aish said that the Housing and Support working group is working on an accessible 'Frequently Asked Questions' document. People liked this idea and had some suggestions for questions. People agreed to help further.

Lou Aish to send out the draft of the document to the board's learning disability providers to get their feedback.



Fiona England suggested an in-person 'clinic' to get support.



Jenny Cain checked where people can go to get help in person.

The best option at the moment is to use the Customer Service point at the libraries. Library staff can support people to log on and find the information they need.

Jenny Cain found that the main way for people to find information on Housing & Support is to use the library customer service.



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Frances Sulikosky raised the issue of how many people are coming.

The working group leaders and Frances will meet to talk about attendance, day change, and presentations timetable. Also Fiona England's question about their survey.



A lot of apologies were because people don't work on Mondays. Council members agreed to meet and look at the membership list and encourage attendance, and plan presentations timetable

Planners must make sure the Transitions working group is not presenting in September.



Fiona England said that the Transitions working group wouldn't be able to present in September.



Steve Hook said the Council is working on making a transitions plan. He will update the Board on how they are going next meeting.

Steve Hook will talk about this plan more next meeting.



Find out more

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