



Valuing People Now Cabinet Minutes

Date: 8th September 2015 - 1.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.

Venue: Lambert Room, Ashford Gateway Plus,
Church Road, Ashford, TN23 1AS

Who was there?

Co-Chairs:

Daniel Hewitt - Shadow Joint Chair of the VPN Cabinet and Kent LD Partnership Board

Sam Holman - Joint Chair of the VPN Cabinet and Kent LD Partnership Board

Penny Southern - KCC, Joint Chair of the VPN Cabinet

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Who was there? (Continued)

Attendees:

Sue Bates - Kent Valuing People Partnership

Linda Chapman - Parent Carer

Steve Chapman - Co-Chair of the 'What I Do' Delivery Group

Joanne Cunningham - KCC, Kent Learning Disability Partnership Coordinator

Chris Evans - Parent Carer

David Taylor - Newton Europe

Apologies

Chris Beaney - KCC, Co-Chair of the 'Becoming an Adult' Delivery Group

Bernard Chick - Parent Carer

Mick Cronin - Co-Chair of the 'Keeping Safe' Delivery Group

Sue Gratton - Co-Chair of the 'Good Health' Delivery Group

Ian Haylock - Shadow Joint Chair of the 'What I Do' Delivery Group

Jo Jackson - KCC, Executive Support Manager

Troy Jones - Shadow Joint Chair of the 'Where I Live' Group

Lizzie Pearce - KCC, Admin Officer

Paul Tomlinson - KCC, Unit Manager

Mark Walker - Co-Chair of the 'What I Do' Delivery Group

Paula Watson - Co-Chair of the 'Where I Live' Delivery Group



Welcome

Penny and Sam welcomed everyone to the meeting and read out the apologies.

Minutes and Actions from the last meeting - 15th June 2015

Page 10, Plan for visiting District Partnership Groups

Penny agreed that a maximum of £80 could be used for travelling expenses to allow Sam Holman, Daniel Hewitt and Steve Chapman to visit the District Partnership Groups (DPGs).



The idea of the visits is to build stronger links between the Board and DPGs and to share good practice amongst the groups.

Page 14, Update on Carers and information on the Care Act

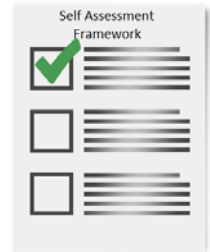
Joanne is to draft a letter to the carers' organisations on behalf of the Kent Learning Disability Partnership Board and ask:

- Are you getting the information on the Care Act?
- Do you understand it?



Update on the Joint Health and Social Care Self-Assessment Framework

Joanne gave a presentation on the Joint Health and Social Care Self-Assessment Framework (SAF).



This information will be shared with the Health and Wellbeing Board in November 2015.

Penny to talk to Sam and Daniel about going to the Health and Wellbeing Board to give this presentation.



Shouldn't we be doing better on 'Long term health conditions'?

This is about health issues that are known to be a problem for people with learning disabilities and so we should be looking at making this better.



Yes, and we need to feed this back to the Health and Wellbeing Board and the Health Equality Framework. **Joanne to talk to Penny about how we make sure this happens.**

It would also be good to do a slide in the presentation on what the Community Support Teams do to support people.

Maybe we could ask people to talk about their experience of having a health check. We need to remind people that reasonable adjustments need to be made.

Update on the Joint Health and Social Care Self-Assessment Framework (continued)



I'm surprised that we have scored ourselves as 'green' in the question about employment. Why is this?



There has been a lot of work that has been happening around employment. This includes the work that Steve did in visiting Jobcentres and making a DVD for training staff about issues faced by people with a learning disability.



We have scored ourselves as 'green' on the question about Arts and Culture but I have been to places that have not treated me well, so, why have we given ourselves this score?



We have been doing a lot of work in the community to find out how accessible venues are and making venues aware of issues faced by people with learning disabilities. We also make sure that events that are aimed at people with learning disabilities are advertised on the website.



Update on the Joint Health and Social Care Self-Assessment Framework (continued)

Joanne to put together a presentation on:

- Which items were scored as 'amber'
- What we need to change to 'green'
- Who will help us to make these changes



Integrated Commissioning

Jimmy Kerrigan, (NHS, South East Commissioning Support Unit,) gave a presentation on the plans to join NHS and KCC commissioning teams together.



So, this is about KCC and NHS working together to improve services for people with learning disabilities?



Yes.



What is Section 75?



This is a legal agreement about how Health and Social Care should work together.

Integrated Commissioning (continued)



You say that we currently have 10 contracts for the same service and we are looking to change this to one contract. If we do this, who will oversee the contract and make sure that the same services are delivered?



These contracts are not for different services. It's just at the moment we have 10 groups buying the same services. These are:

- 7 Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs)
- Kent County Council
- Kent Community Foundation Trust
- Kent and Medway Partnership Trust

With one integrated (joined) commissioning service, we would only have to buy services once and this would be checked by the planned Section 75 Partnership Board.

This would make sure that learning disability services are the same across the County.



Who will sit on the Board?



We have not got to this detail yet. Once the CCGs have agreed to the plan, we will then look at the detail of who will sit on the Board.

Integrated Commissioning (continued)



When will we hear if the CCGs have agreed to the plan?



The final decision is expected in January 2016.

Penny has requested that the Section 75 Board links with the Kent Learning Disability Partnership..



How are carers, parents and people with learning disabilities involved in this decision?



Carers, parents and people with learning disabilities will be involved through the District Partnership Groups.

When we commission something we will involve everyone. At the moment we are not delivering anything, just looking at changing the structure.

We could have asked people if changing the structure was the right thing to do but the Government told us this had to be done.



Alternative Models of Care

David Taylor and Penny Southern gave a presentation on Alternative Models of Care.



This project is about what housing needs we will have in the future and how can we make sure that these needs are met.

It has been thought that the name 'Alternative models of care' is not a good name as it does not tell people what the project is about.

David suggested three new names and asked the group which name they liked the best.

The group agreed that the best name for the project is '**Your Life Your Home**'.



How will this project save money?



Projects like the Kent Pathway Service will support people to be independent so that they have less need for our services. This will save money and improve people's quality of life.

There will be some people with complex needs that may not become independent but it will mean that their quality of life will improve.

Alternative Models of Care (continued)

Penny told the group that there has been lots of reviews where as many people as possible have been asked if they are happy with the changes.

In one project 130 people were moved from residential care to supported living. These people were asked what they thought about the changes and overall it was felt that people were happier.



Shared Lives update

Kelly Field gave a presentation on the Shared Lives project.

This project is about people sharing family life with a Shared Lives Host in the family's home.



Do you need to be referred?



You can be referred but other ways of getting on to the project include:

- Self-funded, where you would pay for the service
- If you were interested you could ask your Care Manager to refer you
- You could ask for an assessment under the Care Act

Shared Lives update (continued)



Do more people use this service than use respite?



A lot of people use this service as respite.

(Respite care is a short break for the person being cared for, which will give rest to their usual unpaid carer.)



Does the Care Quality Commissioning (CQC) visit the homes?



Yes

Kent Pathways

Kay Owen gave a presentation on Kent Pathway Service.

This service will support people to develop every day skills

If you want to access Kent Pathway Service you can speak to your Care Manager or contact Kent County Council.

Kent Pathways (continued)

This service is there for people who would like some new skill in their life or have had changes and need to learn new skills.



Partnership Board Review

Joanne told the group that most of the actions from the review have now been done. The only actions outstanding are:



Changing places at Sessions House, Maidstone

A lot of work has happened to try and get a changing place area in Sessions House, Maidstone.

At the moment, an area has been found in Sessions House that could be used as a changing place.



KCC are now looking at how much it will cost to make the changes needed and where the money could be found.

Guideline for presentations

Joanne brought along a page of guidelines for people who bring presentations to meetings. These guidelines remind people that presentations

Partnership Board Review (continued)

should be in easy read and not too long.

The Cabinet agreed these guidelines.

It was also agreed that when the guidelines are sent out, a copy of the KCC easy read guidelines should be sent with it.



Joanne and Penny to talk about the timings of the next review.

Feedback on the letter sent to the MPs and the Kent Learning Disability Partnership Awards

Joanne gave a presentation on the feedback from the letters sent to the Kent Members of Parliament (MPs).

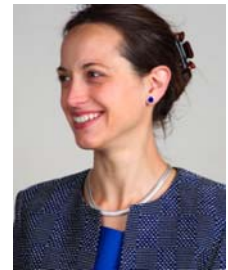
The letters were to invite the MPs to see the work of the Partnership. The MPs were invited to come to the Kent Learning Disability Awards and Board meeting being held in October 2015.



Most of the MPs the answered the letters said that they would not be able to come as they need to be in London on that date.

Feedback on the letter sent to the MPs and the Kent Learning Disability Partnership Awards

Helen Whately, (MP for Faversham and Mid Kent,) has asked if she could come on a different day to meet the Board. *Joanne is to arrange this meeting.*



Feedback from the Delivery Groups

Becoming an Adult Delivery Group

The student questionnaire had been sent out and the group looked at the answers given. A workshop was held to see what actions we needed to take from the answers given.



The group was told about the changes to the Delivery Groups that were agreed and the Valuing People Now (VPN) Cabinet.

Good Health Delivery Group

The group looked at how to make the Good Health Group more inclusive.



Feedback from the Delivery Groups (continued)

An update was given on the new Joint Chair for the group. Sue told the group that she would be retiring next year and so we should think about looking for a new Joint Chair without a learning disability.

Shane Webber from Kent Community Health Trust came to talk about some of the projects the Trust is doing.

Keeping Safe Delivery Group

The group talked about the Maidstone Shop Safe, Stay Safe scheme.

MCCH were going to come to talk about the Jigsaw Project but were not able to come and so they will be invited to another meeting.

Sandra Cook from KCC Trading Standards came and gave a quiz on scams and how to spot them.

Where I Live Delivery Group

At the last VPN Cabinet meeting it was agreed that the Where I Live group would only meet two times in a year and in between meetings a report would be sent out.

The first report is being put together and will be sent out shortly.



Feedback from the Delivery Groups (continued)

What I Do Delivery Group

The What I Do group has not met since the last VPN Cabinet meeting. However, Joanne has met with Ian Haylock and Kent Supported Employment to look at how information on employment could be shared with the group in a better way.



Joanne to book new dates for the What I Do group

Forward Plan

The Cabinet was asked if there were any items that they would like to talk about at future meetings. The suggestions included:



- The Joint Health and Social Care Self-Assessment Framework
- Review of the Partnership Board (Once Joanne and Penny have talked about the timings of the next review).
- An update on the Kent LD Partnership Awards and the plans from the District Partnership Groups (DPGs).

Any other business

Personal Independence Payment (PIP)

Daniel told the group that he had been invited to claim for PIP.

Anyone who is still getting Disability Living Allowance should get a invitation to claim.



National Carers Family Forum

The National Carers Family Forum are putting together a booklet and want to add information on who to contact in Adult Social Care and the NHS.

Joanne said that she would find out and send the information to Linda.

Joint Chairs

The applicants are now being scored and the people with the highest scores will be invited to a meeting. The new Joint Chairs should start being in role in the next couple of weeks.



Kent Learning Disability Partnership Awards

The judges have been working to select the winners and letters should be going out to the winners in the next two weeks.



Future Meetings

Monday, 18th January 2015

Lambert Room
Ashford Gateway Plus
Church Road
Ashford
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(Postcode for your sat nav is TN23 1BT)

1.30 pm to 4.30 pm

