



Kent Learning Disability Partnership Board (Formally the VPN Cabinet) Minutes

Date: 11th August 2016 - 2.00p.m. - 4.00 p.m.

Venue: Swale 2, Sessions House,
Maidstone, ME14 1XX

Who was there?

Joint 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:

Linda Chapman - Parent Carer

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

Trevor Chapman - Parent Carer

Matt Clifton - Skillnet Group, Chief Executive

Joanne Cunningham - KCC, Kent Learning Disability Partnership
Coordinator

Chris Evans - Parent Carer

Sue Gratton - KCC, Project Manager - Integrated Commissioning for
Learning Disability

Shirley Maker - Kent Valuing People Partnership

Chris Perry - Self Advocate

Sholeh Soleimanifar - KCC, Commissioning Officer

Michelle Snook - KCC, Commissioning Officer - Integrated
Commissioning for Learning Disabilities

Tina Walker - Co-Chair of the 'Good Health' Delivery Group

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

Nicky Wells - Shadow Co-Chair of the 'Good Health' Delivery Group

Apologies

Sue Bates - Kent Valuing People Partnership

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

Peter Boyce - Parent Carer

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

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

Jo Jackson - KCC, Executive Support Manager

Malti Varshney - KCC, Co-Chair of the 'Good Health' Delivery Group

Welcome, introductions and apologies



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

Plans for the 13th September / Joint Commissioning Plan

Michelle Snook gave a presentation on the new Joint Commissioning Plan.



The easy read version of the plan is available on the Kent Learning Disability Partnership website:



www.kentldpb.org.uk

The group worked in groups to look at the plan and they were asked to decide:

- What are the most important parts of the plan that we need to talk about at the event on the 13th September?
- Who will present the item?
- How will they present the item?

This information was feedback to Michelle Snook and Sue Gratton to use for the event.

Advocacy

Sholeh Soleimanifar, from KCC commissioning, came to give a presentation on advocacy.

There is a new service called Kent Advocacy, which gives one point of contact for advocacy in Kent.



The contact details for Kent Advocacy are:

Web Page: www.kentadvocacy.org.uk

Email: kent@seap.org.uk

Telephone: 0300 34 35 714

Text: SEAP + message to 80800

Post: P.O. Box 375, Hastings, TN34 9HU

There are two types of advocacy available.

- Statutory Advocacy
- Community Advocacy

Statutory advocacy has to be provided by law.

Community advocacy does not have to be provided by law but KCC feels that it is an important service. Kent is one of the few authorities in the country to offer this service.

With limited budgets KCC will have to make sure that the statutory advocacy is provided. So, if more statutory advocacy is needed, there will be a pressure on the budget and there is a chance that KCC will have to look whether or not to carry on providing community advocacy.



Advocacy (continued)

We hope that we do not have to do this as we are keen to deliver community advocacy if possible and currently the service is doing well.



Why is the postal address in Hastings (Sussex) if it is a Kent service?



SEAP is the lead agent and their head office is based in Sussex but all of the advocacy services are based in Kent.



Does the contract go on beyond 2017?



The contract is for 5 years and has another 4 years to run.



People in villages rely on community advocacy. Do you think that they might be pushed out by the bigger providers?



It doesn't matter where you live, you will still be able to get advocacy.

If you are using a small provider for community advocacy that is not in this contract there is no reason why you shouldn't keep using them.

Small providers will carry on as before. However, any provider not in the contract would not get funding from KCC.

No provider outside of this contract should be providing statutory advocacy.

Advocacy (continued)



If there is a small provider not in the contract, can they join?



The contract is with the lead agent (SEAP) and so the provider would have to contact SEAP and would have to meet their criteria.



If budget pressure rises from Statutory Advocacy, I think it is essential that this Board is consulted first. How do we make sure that this happens?



At the moment there is no pressure but KCC is looking at financial cuts of millions of pounds. The Board might be able to influence a decision but the decision would be with the KCC Members.



What happens if referrals are not going through?



If you feel that referrals are not happening, please contact Sholeh and she will be able to follow this up.



Shouldn't decisions about the service be made using co-production?

Advocacy (continued)



This contract is now in place for another 4 years. When we go to tender again co-production will be used as it is important to hear the views of people using the service.



Shouldn't there be ongoing co-production with monitoring of the service?



There was a three month period of transferring information between providers. We used these months to monitor and overcome any teething issues.

Monitoring of the service is with SEAP. People who have access to the service are asked if they would like to monitor the service.



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Linking the District Partnership Groups (DPGs) with the Regional and National Forums



Tina and Matt to speak with Sue Bates and Jason Gerlack (from Kent Valuing People Partnership) on how to link the DPGs with the Forums.

Matt said that he expected this to be done by September 2016.

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Karen Shaw, (KCC, Public Health) is working on the easy read version of the Learning Disability Needs Assessment. Once this has been done we will be able to discuss with Karen about putting this into easy read.



Joanne has spoken to Karen and a first draft is hoped for the end of August. **Joanne will check progress with Karen before the next meeting.**

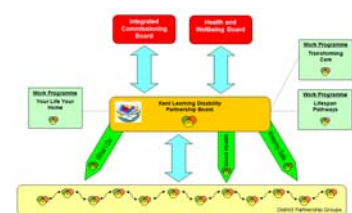
Page 4 - Terms of Reference - How the group works

Sue has met with members of the DPGs to plan how to showcase their work and future plans.



Page 5 - Terms of Reference - How the group works

Joanne sent out an updated Terms of Reference to everyone to agree.



Page 6 - Plans for new meetings

Joanne has updated the list of suggested items for future meetings.



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Page 6 - Plans for new meetings

Joanne was asked to add the Joint Commissioning Plan as an item for November's meeting. This has been brought forward to today's meeting and we will get feedback for next year. **Joanne to add to list of agenda items for 2017.**



Page 6 - Plans for new meetings

Joanne has sent out details of the new times for the Kent LD Board event in September.



Page 7 - Update on the Regional and National Forums

Tina to talk with KVPP on how to gather people's experiences around advocacy.

Tina said that she expected this to be done by September 2016.



Page 7 - Update on the Regional and National Forums

Joanne has invited Tina to come to the next Keeping Safe Delivery Group meeting to link on some work with the Forums.



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Page 8 - Update on the Regional and National Forums

The minutes showed that Matt was to send a template of a questionnaire on benefit cuts to Joanne.

It was agreed that this was an error on the minutes as it had also been suggested that this work is done through District Partnership Groups.



Page 8 - Update on the Regional and National Forums

The Care Minister, (Alistair Burt,) has said that the Department of Health and the Department of Work and Pensions will be working together to reduce the employment gap and that the government has a commitment to halve this. He invited the Forums to measure their progress.



Matt will give feedback on this work but it will not be until November at the earliest.

Page 9 - Update on the Regional and National Forums

Joanne was asked to add information on the Mazars report to the minutes and this had been done. The web link to the easy read version of the Mazars report is:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/south/wp-content/uploads/sites/6/2015/12/mazars-er-rep.pdf>



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Page 10 - Transforming Care update

Joanne was asked to check if the KCC equalities policy is in easy read. It is and currently there is a consultation to find out what people think about the policy. A link to the policy and questions about the policy were emailed to the group in August.



Page 14 - Short breaks

Penny will give feedback on the short breaks consultation at November's meeting. **Joanne to add this to the agenda.**



Page 17 - Any other business

Sholeh Soleimanifar from KCC Commissioning came along to today's meeting to answer questions on advocacy, as requested at the last meeting.

Page 17 - Any other business

Penny will bring a map along to a future meeting to show where the Lifespan Pathways teams will be. Hopefully, this will be in November, **(Joanne to add to the agenda).**



Plans for November's meeting

Co-production

It was suggested that we look at co-production in the 3 work programmes listed below:

- Your Life, Your Home
- Transforming Care
- Lifespan Pathways



Penny explained that these are projects, not services and that what individuals want is at the heart of the projects.

The projects will feedback at the Board but the nature of the work means that these projects cannot be produced like a contract.

Adult education

The Board was told that parents in the Ashford area were concerned that the same course was being offered to the same person year after year.



It was suggested that this might be because the provider has to meet targets for funding.

It was suggested that we may need someone to do some research on what is happening.

Plans for November's meeting (continued)

Feedback from Delivery Groups

The Board was reminded that the Delivery Groups should be giving feedback at meeting. **Joanne to add this to the next agenda.**



Meeting times

It was asked that the next meeting is longer than two hours. **Joanne will arrange this.**



Any other business

Mazars Report

A link to the Mazars Report was sent out with the last minutes. However, people said that they were having problems opening the link.

Joanne to check that the link is correct and working.



Next Meeting

Monday, 20th March 2017



1.00 pm to 4.00 pm

Swale 1
Sessions House
County Hall
Maidstone
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Presentations

A copy of all presentations from the Valuing People Now Cabinet are available on the Partnership Board's website:



www.kentldpb.org.uk