



Valuing People Now Cabinet Minutes

Date: 20th June 2016 - 1.30 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.

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

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:

Sue Bates - Kent Valuing People Partnership

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

Louise Flatman - Kent Valuing People Partnership

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

Rosemary Henn-Mcrae - KCC, Practice and Policy Development Lead

Troy Jones - KCC, Commissioning Officer

David Lloyd - KCC

Shirley Maker - Kent Valuing People Partnership

Simon Matthews - Co-Chair of the 'Where I Live' Delivery Group

Alex Scott - Co-Chair of the 'Keeping Safe' Delivery Group

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

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

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 - KCC, Project Manager - Integrated Commissioning for
Learning Disability

Jo Jackson - KCC, Executive Support Manager

Jimmy Kerrigan - NHS, Commissioning Manager Learning Disabilities

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

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

Welcome



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

Minutes and Actions from the last Meeting - 18th April 2016

Page 5 - Linking the District Partnership Groups with the Regional and National Forums

Tina and Matt to speak with Jason Gerlack (from Kent Valuing People Partnership) and Sue on how to take this forward.



Page 10 - Easy Read version of the Learning Disability Needs Assessment

Joanne has spoken with Karen Shaw. The Learning Disability Needs Assessment is still being worked on. **Once this is complete Joanne will speak with Karen about putting this into easy read.**



Community Advocacy

At the last meeting Paula said that she would get information from Karen Cook (KCC, Commissioning Manager) on funding for advocacy. Paula has done this and passed the information to Matt who will give an update later in the meeting.



Terms of Reference - How the group works

Background to this item:

In January, a group met to look at how the Kent Learning Disability Partnership works. This group was made up from members of the VPN Cabinet and Kent Learning Disability Partnership Board.



Changes to the Terms of Reference paper were agreed and a draft was sent out to all members of the VPN Cabinet and Kent Learning Disability Partnership Board for comment.

The following item was in response to the comments received.

Penny gave a presentation on the suggested changes and comments about the paper 'How Kent Learning Disability Partnership works - April 2016'.

The group talked about how the District Partnership Groups (DPGs) could show their plans in a different way this year.



Sue to meet with members of the DPGs to look at how to showcase their work and future plans. Sue to send a plan of how to do this to Penny.



The engagement and amount of work that is done in the districts is amazing. How do you make sure people know about this?

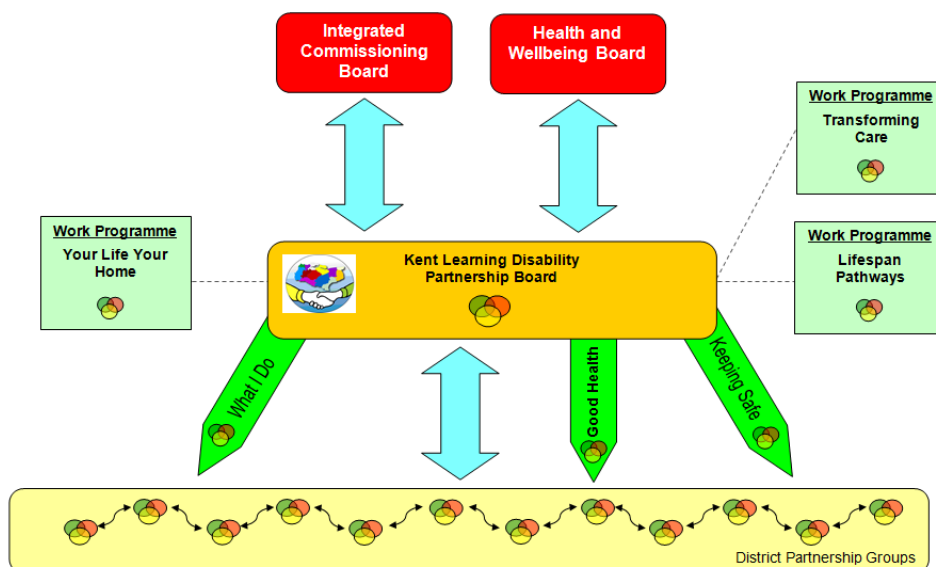
Terms of Reference -How the group works (continued)

A Because Graham Gibbens and Penny are involved in the Partnership, the Social Care side of KCC knows about the work. It's about getting the message out to a wider group

Q I agree that the Where I Live group and the Becoming an Adult group are replaced with the work programmes.

I just wondered if the Work Programmes could contact the members of the old Delivery Groups if there was a specific piece of work?

A It makes sense to link. The work programmes could travel to the District Partnership Groups and present there. We do need to continue to engage more people



It was agreed that updated paper is sent to everyone to agree. (Joanne will send this).

Plans for new meetings

Joanne gave a presentation showing suggested dates and future agenda items. These were agreed by the group.



It was suggested that Joanne add the following item to the list of future agenda items:

- The Learning Disabilities Death Review (LeDeR) programme

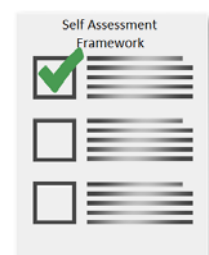
It was agreed that in November's meeting we add the Joint Commissioning Plan to the agenda. This should include the Transforming Care Plan. (Joanne to add to November's agenda)

It was agreed by the group that the Kent Learning Disability Partnership Awards and Board meeting is used as the first event. Joanne to send out details of the new times.



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

There have been no further updates on the Joint Health and Social Care Self-Assessment Framework and so we will use this time for Tina Walker to give an update on the Regional and National Forums.



Update from the Regional and National Forums

Tina gave a presentation on the Regional and National Forums.

Having a voice

Tina asked if the Cabinet could help gather people's experiences around advocacy. The cabinet said "yes" but there was no decision made on how. However, Penny suggested that this information could be found from the experiences of the people in the District Partnership Groups. **Tina will need to talk to KVPP on how to do this.**



Keeping Safe

The Foundation for people with learning disabilities is doing some work on Keeping Safe. The Foundation would like to work with each region.



Is this something that Kent would be interested in doing?



This would be a question for the Keeping Safe Group. **Joanne to invite Tina to the next Keeping Safe Group meeting.**

Benefits and Work

The National Forum is looking for people to share their experience of benefit cuts.



Update from the Regional and National Forums (continued)

Q Should we send out a questionnaire to the Kent Learning Disability Partnership distribution list?

A It depends what is on the form. **Matt will check this.**

The best way to do this would be through the District Partnership Groups as if it was sent out by Joanne this could be misleading.

Matt to send a template so that we can share with staff and ask if they know anyone who has had any issues.

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.



Q Did you (the National Forum) agree to do this?

A Yes

Q We (the VPN Cabinet) would like to know how you measure this.

A **Matt will give feedback on this work.**

Update from the Regional and National Forums (continued)

Mazars



What is Mazars?



This is a report.

Joanne will add a link to this information in the minutes

The Mazars report is an independent review of deaths of people with a learning disability or mental health problem in contact with Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust from April 2011 to March 2015.

The following link will take you to the NHS website which will give more information and has the report in full as well as an easy read version.

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/south/publications/ind-invest-reports/#mazars>

Report on the Equality Act

The report states that the government must make sure that information is accessible.

Penny asked if KVPP would look at this.

The presentations on the report (listed in the presentation) are to go on the website



Update from the Regional and National Forums (continued)



Does the Kent Learning Disability Partnership Board have an equalities policy?



Yes it does. As the Board is led by Kent County Council (KCC) it falls under the KCC equality policy. *Joanne will check if this is in easy read.*

Transforming Care Update

Troy Jones gave a presentation to the Cabinet about Transforming Care.

The last time Troy reported on the Transforming Care programme there were 67 people still in specialist hospitals. This has now risen to 70 people still in specialist hospitals.



This is because some people have become ill again and new people have become ill. It is important to remember that some people are in the right place and do need treatment.



You say that 21 people are inappropriately placed and are on the "Discharge List". Are these 21 people part of the 70 people still in specialist hospitals?



Yes. Of the 70 people 49 are having treatment. 21 have finished treatment.

Transforming Care Update (continued)

The new plan that we are working on will have a Forensic Outreach Service for people who have got into criminal trouble and hurt others. This service will help them not to do this again.



I know people with a learning disability that are in prison. Why don't they get any help?



When you are sent to prison you get support from the prison. We are talking about people who have got into criminal trouble but the court has sent to hospital.



What is the age group?



18 and over



What happens to under 18's?



ChYP (Children and Young People Health and Wellbeing) is the new name for what used to be called CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services). ChYP will treat people up to 19 years old to make sure that there is transition.



It says that the money will come from an Investment Fund. What is meant by Investment Fund?



This is a grant from the NHS to help develop new services.

Transforming Care Update (continued)



Is this different money?



It is all NHS money



Where will the Forensic Services be set-up?



These will be across the County. It will be a community service which will go to the people; not people going to the service.



When will the Outreach service start?



We have put bids in and hope to hear if we have been successful in the next couple of weeks. We will then need to set-up the service and so it should take 6 to 12 months.



Will money be ring-fenced for the service?



We want to make the NHS understand that they have a duty to provide a service. This will be based on need and usage rather than money being ring-fenced. We will need to monitor the service to ensure it is filling a need so can continue to be funded.



Have you got any bids so far?



We applied for 5 capital bids. We have gotten 3 of these. We applied for 3 investment fund grants and have got through the first stage on these.

Transforming Care Update (continued)



How long will the service last?



This needs to be treated like a pilot and we will need to monitor outcomes. If it is successful we can make an argument for continuing it.



How low would the number need to be for people in specialist hospitals?



We have to move 21 people as they are in the wrong place for their needs, which would leave 49 people. For our size and population I would expect to see around 48 people in hospital at any one point. This means that we are currently on target.



How often do people get care and treatment reviews (CTR)?



It was every year. The NHS now proposes every 6 months. People also get continuous reviews in hospital.



Short Breaks

Penny told the Cabinet that there is a consultation on short breaks.

There will be no changes to the time people can have, just how we are delivering the service.



All links and contact details for the consultation are on the presentation (and have also been listed below)

Logging on to the website: www.kent.gov.uk/shortbreaksconsultation

Emailing: shortbreaksconsultation@kent.gov.uk

Phone: [Jeni Lawford on Tel: 01233 620256](tel:01233620256) (between 10am - 4pm)

Anyone who will be affected by the suggested changes will have been written to separately.

Penny will come back in November to give feedback on the decision.

Update on Learning Disability England

Troy gave a presentation about Learning Disability England (LDE).



Is it for all ages?



Yes, it's for everybody

There is a film about LDE on their website at <http://learningdisabilityengland.org.uk>.

Update on Learning Disability England (continued)

Troy is on the Board for LDE representing KCC. This will be until the elections have been organised and the new Board for LDE will be voted in.



What can you say about the main concerns from the Regional Forum which were the cost of membership and that LDE is not "reinventing the wheel"?



We want to continue to link with the forum but it is hoped that LDE will be able to be a bit more radical and help people to speak out more as well as do more campaigning.



Who is on the LDE Board now?



KCC and different service providers, such as:

- Keyring
- Dimensions
- United Response
- Choice Support
- Swanton Care
- Care Management Group
- Bromford Housing Group
- Reside Housing Association
- Progress Housing Group



Where will people get the money to join?



We are expecting that people will pay the £12 out of their budgets. People will have to decide if they want to join but if things get done people might think it £12 well spent. This is an annual payment and so works out to just £1 a month.

Any other business

Taking Action Film Group

Sam told the group about the Taking Action Film Group who will be holding an evening of film and music on Friday, 24th June 2016 at the Old Town Hall in Gravesend.



Kent LD Partnership Awards 2016

Joanne told the group that today is the start of Learning Disability Week and to mark this we are launching the Kent Learning Disability Partnership Awards.



Details on how to nominate someone can be found on the website:

www.kent.gov.uk/ldawards

New accessible information formats

At the last Kent Learning Disability Board, we had a visit from Helen Whately, (MP for Faversham and Mid Kent).

The Board asked Helen if the Department of Works and Pensions (DWP) would use an accessible information standard so that information was easier to understand.



Joanne has heard from Helen's office to say that some work will now be happening to do this.

Any other business (continued)

Community Advocacy

Matt gave a presentation on Community Advocacy for people with learning disabilities in Kent.



It is too early to say how much will be spent in the new contract in April 2017 but Matt said that he would bring back information when he had it.

There was some discussion around the funding for advocacy but there may have been some confusion about whether this was for community advocacy or LD advocacy. **Matt and Paula both said that they would talk to KCC Commissioning to clarify.**

There was also some conversation around training young people to become self-advocates.

Penny suggested that this should be a conversation for the next meeting. **Joanne to invite Karen Cook and Sholeh Soleimanifar from KCC Commissioning to the next meeting.**



How do people feel about the work that has happened on the co-production for the advocacy service?



This should be ongoing not "we have done it once and so are not doing it again".

Penny thought that this may have been a misunderstanding and thinks what was trying to be said was that this was a massive piece of work and the results from this work will be used to shape the new service.

Some members of the group said that they were not involved in the co-production. Penny said that this had been an open invite.

Lifespan Pathways (0-25)

Rosemary gave a presentation on the Lifespan Pathways.



KCC have just started consultation with staff and hopefully all will be in place by April 2017.

Penny will bring a map to a meeting later in the year to show where the team are.

Next Meeting

Joanne will let everyone know the new dates once they have been confirmed

Presentations

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



www.kentldpb.org.uk