



## Kent Learning Disability Partnership Board Minutes

Date : 1st May 2014 - 2:00pm—4.00pm

Venue : Medway Room, Sessions House,  
Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XQ

### Who was there?

#### Co-Chairs:

**Graham Gibbens (Co-chair)** - KCC, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health

**Tina Walker (Co-chair)** - Voice4Kent

#### Attendees:

**Sue Bates** - Kent Valuing People Partnership

**Peter Boyce** - Family Carer

## Who was there? (Continued)

**Xan Brooker** - NHS Kent and Medway Commissioning Support

**Trevor Chapman** - Parent Carer

**Joanne Cunningham** - KCC, Kent LD Partnership Coordinator

**Jeanette Dean-Kimili** - Locality Commissioner, South Kent Coast CCG

**Simon Goldsmith** - Community Futures (Supporting John Taylor)

**Rosemary Henn-Macrae** - KCC, County Manager Disabled Children's Services

**Richard Hitchin** - Department for Work and Pensions, Appeal Manager

**Chris Perry** - Tunbridge Wells District Partnership Group

**Alex Scott** - Shepway District Partnership Group

**Penny Southern** - KCC, Director for Learning Disability and Mental Health

**Deborah Smith** - KCC, Public Health

**John Taylor** - Sevenoaks District Partnership Group

**Honey-Leigh Topley** - KCC, Research and Support Officer - Community Safety

**Paula Watson** - KCC, Commissioning Manager - Accommodation Solutions

### Apologies:

**Linda Austin** - Dartford and Gravesham District Partnership Group

**Helen Kevan** - Tunbridge Wells District Partnership Group

**Steven Kissock** - Dover District Partnership Group

**Sam Sheppard** - KCC, Commissioning Manager - Community Support

**Malti Varshney** - KCC, Public Health

### Audience:

**Linda Chapman** - Observer Cabinet/Dover District Partnership Group

**Joanna Jackson** - KCC, Executive Support Manager, Learning Disability and Mental Health

**Geoff Lymer** - KCC, Deputy Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care & Public Health

**Chris Smith** - KCC, Deputy Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care & Public Health

## Welcome



Tina Walker welcomed everyone to the meeting and read out the apologies.

Everyone introduced themselves.

## Joint Health and Social Care Self-Assessment Framework

Penny explained that the Joint Health and Social Care Self-Assessment Framework (SAF) was important because it checked how good our services are for people with learning disabilities.



Kent has done the SAF and handed it to Public Health England. This is not in easy read but if people want to see a copy, please contact Joanne Cunningham who will be able to forward an electronic copy.



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At the moment, we are still waiting for feedback from Public Health on our results.

## Results

Penny gave a presentation on the results Kent gave on the SAF.



## What to do with the results

Penny gave a presentation which showed who would be leading on the action plan. This was:

Staying Healthy (Health) - The Good Health Group will lead on making sure that actions from the Staying Healthy part of the SAF happen.



Social Care - Adult Social Care (KCC) will lead on making sure that actions from the Social Care part of the SAF happen.



Living Well (Community) - Kent Valuing People Partnership (KVPP) and the District Partnership Groups (DPGs) will lead on making sure that actions from the Living Well part of the SAF happen.



### Feedback on Staying Healthy (Health)

Xan told the group that the Good Health Group will be meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> May 2014 to look at the issues around screening. It is hoped that the DPGs can do some work to find out where the problems are.



## What to do with the results (continued)

Penny will also be going to the Health and Wellbeing Board to make sure that the Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) are linking with this work.

**Q** When we get the results back from Public Health, what happens if they rate more of our answers as red?

**A** They will be judging us on the national ratings. If we feel that we are below a benchmark we can move an answer to red, we do not have a problem with this. The important thing is that we work to improve on these areas.

**Q** Health checks have been moved to red and I agree that we should do this but shouldn't this be for everyone?

**A** The focus at the moment is on poor outcomes of people with learning disabilities and we will only be able to do this if we make sure that people have access to a health check and people know why it is important to go and get one done.

**Q** What about people in homes? Are they included?

**A** Yes. It will be part of the work of nurses in the integrated teams.

If we get this right there should be a knock-on effect so that the message gets out to people we don't know about.

Penny told the group that she felt the SAF did not cover the sensory service and asked if anyone had any views on this.

## What to do with the results (continued)

It was agreed that Beryl Palmer, (KCC, Manager of Sensory and Autism Services) should be asked to make sure checks on the sensory service are done.

### Feedback on Social Care

We will monitor residential homes and would like to see 90% of homes visited. At the moment we have visited around 75%.



We would also like to work on improving transition.

Graham said that he would like to come back to this group with Jenny Whittle, (Cabinet Member for Specialist Children's Services,) to talk about the work being done.

It was agreed that the work to focus on should be residential homes and transition.

### Feedback on Living Well (Community)

Areas that may be worked on include transport, employment and reasonable adjustments for people with learning disabilities.



This will be for the District Partnership Groups to decide.

## How to monitor actions

Penny gave a presentation and showed the group an example of what the new action plan would look like.



This will give us clear guidelines on what we need to do to move a service from one rating to another.



Some of the questions give a green rating if they are 80% complete. Shouldn't we be looking for them being 100% complete?



We also need to think about the quality of service we deliver and so it is better to do 80% well rather than complete 100% at a lower standard.

## Go back to the Health and Wellbeing Board

We went to the Health and Wellbeing Board in November 2013 to give a presentation on the work we are doing on the Joint Health and Social Care Self-Assessment Framework.

The Health and Wellbeing Board gave us their support for this work and so we will be going back to keep them up-to-date with our actions and how we are doing.



# Feedback from the Kent LD Partnership Board Review

Tina gave a presentation on the review. This showed why we had the review and that an action plan had been put together from the information people gave at the review.



A copy of the latest version of the review was handed out to the group.

Penny asked when people wanted to check that the work had been done and when the Board should be reviewed again.

It was agreed that:

- The VPN Cabinet should check the work at the end of the year.
- There should then be a review on how the Board works every two years.

Joanne to add this to the forward plan.



What happens if something needs changing straight away?



If there is an issue that we need to look at before the next review we will do so.



# What has happened since the KCC Cabinet on the 24<sup>th</sup> March 2014

Chris Perry gave a presentation on what has happened since the partnership gave a presentation to the KCC Cabinet in March.



Chris showed the questions that were asked on the day and what has happened as a result.

The presentation ended on the work around voting. Graham reminded the group that the European Elections are coming soon and people have until the 6<sup>th</sup> May 2014 to make sure that they are on the electoral role. (You need to be on the electoral role to be able to give a vote).

**Q** When Jenny Whittle visits the partnership, will Education be involved?

**A** We will make sure that when she comes we have reps from Education and young people.

**Q** What have KCC done since the meeting to help with the issue around restricted travel passes?

**A** Penny has since arranged a meeting to discuss this and work on how we can manage this.

**Q** When are KCC putting in audible bus stops?

**A** This is a question for the Keeping Safe Group.

Joanne to put the question to the Co-chairs of the Delivery Group.

## What has happened since the KCC Cabinet on the 24<sup>th</sup> March 2014 (continued)

Graham thanked everyone involved with the presentation and said that the KCC Cabinet agreed that support for the work of the Kent LD Partnership Board should continue.

### Minutes from the last meeting

The last meeting was used as the review for the Partnership Board and so the last set of minutes were from the meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> October 2013.



Page 11 - Launch of the easy read booklet 'Abuse and what to do about it'.

Joanne to ask Shout Out why not all of the recognised types of abuse are listed in the booklet.



Joanne to make sure that copies of the booklet have been sent to the District Partnership Groups.

Electronic copies were sent out to day services and residential homes.

Penny said that if anyone needed more copies of this booklet they should let KCC know, (contact Joanne Cunningham).

## Minutes from the last meeting (continued)

Page 14 - Presentation to the KCC Cabinet

Copies of the presentation and the easy read report given to the KCC Cabinet Members to be sent out with the minutes. (Joanne to do)



## Update from the LD Partnership

It was agreed at the review of the Kent LD Partnership Board that information on what is happening in other meetings should be shared.



For this reason, a paper has been put together showing what topics the different groups have been talking about. This paper was shared with the group.

If people want any more information on any of the topics on this paper, contact Joanne Cunningham who can forward you a full copy of the minutes.



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# Forward plan

## Next meeting

The Board agreed to hold the next meeting on the 2nd September 2014 from 2.00 pm to 4.30 pm.

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Joanne showed the group a copy of the forward plan for September. Suggestions were:

- Plans from the District Partnership Groups
- The Kent Learning Disability Awards

## Plans from the District Partnership Groups

It was also agreed that the plans from the District Partnership Groups should come to the Board in September and the following people should be invited:



- Members of the Kent LD Partnership Board
- Members of the KCC Cabinet
- District Partnership Groups

## Kent LD Awards 2014

The group had already been sent a draft of the Kent LD Awards 2014 flyer for information and for comment.



The idea is to work with KCC's press office to launch the awards during Learning Disability Week, (16<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2014).

We would then have time to judge the nominations and present the awards on the 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2014. (This was agreed by the Board).

## Forward plan (continued)

The five awards are based on The National Learning Disabilities Awards and so as well as using the winners as examples of good practice, we could think about nominating the winners to the national awards.

**Q** What will the winners get?

**A** There will be five winners who will receive a certificate and lunch and there will be press coverage of the awards.

**Q** Why don't we have a large trophy that winners can hold for a year and pass on to the next winner?

**A** We are limited on money for the awards and we might have problems tracking a trophy that we need to get back at the end of the year.

**Q** Have all of the groups got something going on for LD week?

**A** There will be work happening at district level and we could ask groups to help design the awards.

The group was asked to think about who they wanted on the judging panel and the suggestions were:

- A member of the Board (Richard Hitchin volunteered)
- Someone from the press
- Ann Allen (or another Member)
- Someone from the voluntary sector
- A person with a learning disability or a carer

## Forward plan (continued)



Should we take this to the national awards?



Not yet because this is the first Kent awards and we need to find out how successful they are. If successful, we could then think about making this an annual event and maybe going national.

### Future meetings

Suggestions for future meetings include:

- Invite someone from Healthwatch to talk about how we link with them.
- Check the action plan for the Joint Health and Social Care Self-Assessment Framework and Sensory Services:
  - ◇ Health - Screening
  - ◇ Social Care - Transition / residential homes / carers
  - ◇ Community - Transport / employment / reasonable adjustments
- Check the actions from the Kent LD Partnership Board review.



## Any other business

### Panorama program - Behind Closed Doors: Elderly Care Exposed

Chris told the Board about the Panorama program that was shown by BBC television on the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2014 and said this showed the importance of random checks on homes.



Graham told the Board that safeguarding is a top priority of the KCC Members and that they would do all they could to support work that improves safety.

Penny said that the program was shocking and that there has been a focus on safeguarding since the Panorama program in May 2011 that showed the Winterbourne case.

This work is taken very seriously and we can only talk about homes for people with learning disabilities but there has been lots of work in Kent to make sure that something like this does not happen.

Jeanette said that this work was also being done at Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) meetings.

- Q** Are there any independent groups that monitor homes in Kent?
- A** Yes, this is part of the work that Healthwatch does and this is why we would like them to come to one of our meetings.

## Any other business (continued)

### Transport costs

- Q** The Tunbridge Wells Planning and Checking group have asked each of the District Partnership Groups to put £200 into supporting people to come to meetings. However, we then asked whether these costs should come from KCC?
- A** We have been quite open in saying that there is no more money.



The original money held by the District Partnership Groups was KCC money, so in effect we are paying this. If the District Partnership Groups are happy to pull this money together to support people we would welcome this.

### Training DVD for Jobcentre Plus

Richard wanted to publicly thank Steve Chapman and East Kent Mencap for their help in making the Jobcentre Plus training DVD. This is now being used to train staff from Jobcentres to work with people who have a learning disability.





## Future Meetings



Thursday, 31st July 2014  
Darent Room, Sessions House,  
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2.00 pm to 4.00 pm



Tuesday, 25th November 2014  
Medway Room, Sessions House,  
Maidstone, ME14 1XQ  
2.00 pm to 4.00 pm



## Copies of presentations

Copies of all presentations from the Partnership Board are available from Joanne Cunningham.



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