



Kent Learning Disability Partnership Board Minutes

Date: Thursday 30 June 2022

Location: This meeting was held in Swale Room, Ground Floor, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone ME14 1XQ

Who was there?

Attendees:

Daniel Hewitt - Joint Co-Chair of the Kent LD Partnership Board

Chris McKenzie - KCC, Director of Adult Social Care for North and West Kent

Alex Scott – Joint Co-Chair of the Keeping Safe Group

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Who was there? (Continued)

Attendees:

Charlie Lindsey - Self Advocate, Aspens

Chelsea Roberts - KCC, Stakeholder Engagement Support Officer (minutes)

Eloise - Self Advocate, Aspens

Gemma Bridge – Self Advocate, Aspens

Ian Brandon - Kent and Medway CCG, Assistant Director of Nursing & Quality

Janine Jacquin – Aspens

Laura Prentice - KCC, Directorate Business Officer

Liese Sutton - Self Advocate, Aspens

Louise Flatman - North Kent Independent Advocacy Scheme (NKIAS)

Michael Lillis - Self Advocate, Bemix

Paul Jerome - KCC, Communications and Information Officer

Sammy Lamb - Self Advocate, Bemix (joined virtually for first part of meeting)

Shane Springate - Self Advocate, Aspens

Toni Easdown – KCC, Stakeholder Engagement Officer

Tony Faulkner - Self Advocate, Aspens

Trevor Cave - Self Advocate, Bemix

Xan Brooker - KCC, Joint Chair of the 'Good Health' Delivery Group

Zandrea Stewart - KCC (joined virtually for first part of meeting)

Welcome - part one of the meeting

Welcome from Daniel Hewitt, the joint co-chair of the Partnership Board



Daniel welcomed everyone to the first in person meeting held since Covid started in 2020. Daniel went through the housekeeping rules.

Welcome and update from Chris McKenzie, Director of Adult Social Care for North and West Kent



All-age Learning Disability and Autism Strategy

Chris provided an update on the All-age Learning Disability and Autism Strategy.

We are working with the National Development Team for Inclusion (NDTI).

NDTI have spoken to 92 people to co-produce this work and they have looked at 33 documents.



Our Vision People with a learning disability and autistic people of all ages

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Are valued and supported by their communities

Have personalised and relevant support from health and social care

The graphic features a large eye icon on the left. The text 'Our Vision' is in a large, bold font, followed by 'People with a learning disability and autistic people of all ages' in a smaller font. Below this are three white boxes, each containing an icon and a text description. The first box has an icon of a person jumping and a dog, with the text 'Live the lives they wish'. The second box has an icon of two people shaking hands, with the text 'Are valued and supported by their communities'. The third box has an icon of a person with a heart and a stethoscope, with the text 'Have personalised and relevant support from health and social care'.

Update from Chris McKenzie, Director of Adult Social Care for North and West Kent (continued)

Chris said that this strategy also aims to:

- Provide seamless support as people move from the Children and Young People service to Adult Social Care and Health
- There are opportunities to use funding better.

There will be a Delivery Partnership Board that will work to deliver this.

Chris said it would be great if there were 2 people with lived experience from the Learning Disability Partnership Board who volunteered to be involved.



A person is currently being recruited to drive this work forward.

Update: Marie Hackshall has been offered the job of Joint System Programme Lead (Learning Disability and Autism)



Tony Faulkner asked if the finances for Adult Social Care would be ringfenced?



Chris said there are set pots of money (budgets) for Adult Social Care, Children's Services and Health.

We will look at where there are opportunities to work together to use funding better.

Update from Chris McKenzie, Director of Adult Social Care for North and West Kent (continued)

Chris introduced Zandrea Stewart from Inspired Purpose, who is helping all of us across the system and with the Learning Disability and Autism Strategy.

Zandrea will be chairing the new Delivery Partnership Board and will ensure priorities in the strategy are achieved.

Action: Members of this board to contact Toni Easdown if they would like to be involved with the delivery partnership board.

Action: Zandrea Stewart to be invited to a future meeting to provide an update.

Changes happening across Adult Social Care

The Autism team have now been moved into the Adult Social Care locality teams.

The Autism Team is currently sitting with the Mental Health team.

This does not mean that Autistic People all have mental health needs.

Actions from the last Meeting - 7 April 2022

Chelsea Roberts went through the actions from the previous meeting

These have now all been completed.



Future of the Delivery Groups - Good Health, Keeping Safe and What I Do Groups

Chris reminded the Board that there are three delivery groups that report into the Learning Disability Partnership Board.



Keeping Safe

Keeping Safe Group – looks at things like scamming, on-line safety, home safety, hate crime, criminal justice, safeguarding etc.

The group was co-chaired by a member of Kent Police and a person with lived experience. The group is supported by North Kent Independent Advocacy Scheme (NKIAS).

In December, the Kent Police co-chair stepped down and no meetings have taken place since then.

UPDATE: Louise Flatman informed the group that Mick Cronin (Kent Police) has agreed to continue to co-chair the group.



What I Do

What I Do Group – looks at things like employment, support during the day, evening and weekends, education, and training etc.

The group was tri-chaired by two KCC operational managers and a person with lived experience.

One of the KCC co-chairs left KCC in May 2022 and the second KCC co-chair has moved to another role outside of Adult Social Care.

The group was supported by Michelle Hosken from East Kent Mencap. Michelle retired in April 2022.

Future of the Delivery Groups - Good Health, Keeping Safe and What I Do Groups (continued)



Good Health

Good Health Group – looks at things like health screening and annual health checks, primary health care, acute hospitals, specialist health care etc.

The group is co-chaired by a KCC Officer and a person with lived experience. The group is supported by Aspens.

The KCC Officer wants to step away from co-chairing the group due to work pressures. She also thinks that the work of the Good Health Group could form part of the Partnership Board workplan or the Health Inequality Board.

Chris asked the board if the work of the Delivery Groups should continue as they are or be part of the future workplan of the Learning Disability Partnership Board or the Delivery Partnership Board that was mentioned earlier or the Health Inequality Board?

There was a general discussion on this.

The attending Board members agreed

1. The Keeping Safe Group would continue as it is for the time being.
2. Chris, Daniel and the co-chairs of the What I Do and Good Health Group to look at the future of these 2 groups. Can the work of these groups come under the Health Inequality Board, Delivery Partnership Board or as part of the Learning Disability Partnership Board workplan.



Action: Chris and remaining co-chairs to look at the future of the Delivery Groups and bring an update back to the Partnership Board.

Feedback from North Kent Independent Advocacy Scheme (NKIAS)

Louise and Daniel gave an update on what NKIAS have been doing.



Created a Jubilee song to the Queen. This has received over 1000 views on YouTube and over 3000 views on Facebook.



The link to the Jubilee song video was previously shared with all Board members.



Working with the Association of Residential Lettings Agents (ARLA) on tenancies and standards across all estate agents on what they have to supply and do.

ARLA are looking at sending every tenant an easy read 'Don't Panic' book. Presenting this to the House Minister.



Made of list of reasonable charges to prevent people being ripped off.



People have been working with Darent Valley Hospital to interview for a new Community Learning Disability Nurse for the hospital

Also reviewing the hospital's complaints procedure.

Kent Police are having an open day and the Keeping Safe Group will have a stand at the event.



Keeping Safe

Feedback from Aspens

Feedback from Aspens and the Good Health Group

Janine, Gemma, Tony and Liese gave an update on what Aspens have been doing.



The 12 week weight management ended and the group received their certificates.

We had a stall at our Pembury site. Amanda from the Kent Community Learning Disability nursing team was there to answer questions and share resources on health matters.



The theme at Aspens for Learning Disability Week was reconnecting with friends and communities.

Tony and Melissa are still chairing the Aspens Angels meetings on Thursday evenings. This group are now organizing trips out.

A menopause workshop has been set up in August.

Both males and females are invited to the workshop, it may help to know what to expect if a family member, friend or partner is going through the menopause.



The Professionals Social Group has welcomed some new members, this group have gained a lot of confidence in this kind of setting.

Aspens held a party to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee.



Some of the group members are still anxious about going out again so a reconnecting party has been arranged in September.

Feedback from Aspens

Eloise was on the interview panel for a learning disability liaison nurse at Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust.

Two experts by experience are becoming trustees for Aspens Charities, and they have attended their first board meeting.

A Reverse Job Fair has been organised in July.



This will be hosted by people with disabilities who have received practical job training, and have completed or are working towards a City and Guild skills for working life qualification.



A new online support group for LGBTQ+ People on the autism spectrum and with learning disabilities is being launched.

This group will meet on the last Wednesday of every month at 7pm.

Bemix update Leadership and Governance course



Be A Leader is a leadership course for people with learning disabilities in Kent and Medway.

Bemix visited Newcastle to talk to Inclusion North, met with Chris McKenzie and Simon Mitchell from KCC and had a separate meeting with Jackie Brown from Medway Council to promote this course.

The information packs for people to sign up to the course have been sent - people need to apply by Sunday 3rd July.

Click here to apply: [Be A Leader Course](#)

Bemix update (continued)

There was a general discussion about the 'Be A Leader' course and Board members raised the following questions.



Tony Faulkner said that he didn't understand the paperwork, too much to go through so stopped reading it, also why do you have to have a co-learner without disabilities with you?



Louise Flatman, Janine Jacquin asked why does the person with learning disabilities have to have a someone without a learning disability with them if they are capable of completing the programme on their own?



Louise Flatman, Janine Jacquin and Ian Brandon asked if the closing date for people to enrol could be moved by a couple of weeks to enable someone from Bemix to provide some more detail.

***COMPLETED* Action: Toni to email Michael Lillis with the questions that were raised by Board members.**

Michael introduced Trevor Cave to the Board. Trevor is a new member to the Bemix Self-Advocacy Leadership Team.



Trevor has a lot of different life experiences that he can bring to the team. He also has lived experience of secure care.

Trevor told the Board about a recent incident involving discrimination in the Job Centre. A security guard turned a person away because he had Down Syndrome.

This was challenged as it was not right to treat people that way, this is why self-advocacy is important, so people can speak up for themselves and others.

There should be training for security staff at the Job Centres so it doesn't happen again.

Part two of the meeting - the Market Place

For the second part of the meeting, attending Board members looked at five different things that were mentioned in the reset report that Learning Disability England wrote for us.

This was called 'the Market Place' as people were able to go to different tables to take part in five different interactive activities.



The five activities the Board looked at were:



The partnership board work plan



The partnership board website



What's happening to support people where you live?



How the meetings work?



How can we hear from people that we aren't hearing from at the moment?

Action: separate updates to be sent out to all Board members on these five activities.

Presentations

A copy of minutes from the Kent Learning Disability Partnership Board will be made available on the Partnership's website:

www.kentldpb.org.uk



Board Meeting dates for 2022

Thursday 15 September (virtual meeting on Zoom)
Thursday 15 December (face to face meeting)

