

MEETING NOTES:	Cornwall Autism Partnership Working Group
DATE:	March 14, 2018 - 1.30 - 3.00pm
LOCATION:	Redruth Methodist Church Hall

ATTENDANCE

Name	Organisation
David Allkins (DA)	Self Advocate
Christine Bateman (CB)	Cornwall Advocacy
Rachel Brown (RB)	Spectrum
Stuart Cohen (SC)	Cornwall Council (Commissioning)
Heather Davison (HD)	Carer
Nuala Kiely (NK)	Healthwatch Cornwall
Shelagh Mitchell (SM)	CHAMPS
Celia Newcombe (CN - minutes)	Healthwatch Cornwall
Richard Sharpe (RS)	Cornwall Council (Public Health)
Sarah Thorneycroft (ST)	Cornwall Council (Housing)
Tazmin Hook	Self Advocate

APOLOGIES

Name	Organisation
Suzanne Leggett	Cornwall People First

Item	What was discussed?	Action
1	<p>Previous minutes and actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The strategy document was now complete. Approval was given by the working group for it to be presented for approval by Cornwall Council cabinet members. It was recognised that the Action Plan would be a working document that already needed addressing to focus on priorities and more exactly fit with the strategy. Future meetings would take responsibility for actions with groups of attendees being responsible for specific actions. <p>Once approved SC will create two further version - one using Infographics and an Easy Read version.</p> <p>SC requested all final comments to be with him by March 23, 2018</p>	

2	<p>Update and review of the partnership boards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nuala Kiely, newly appointed Partnership Boards Officer within Healthwatch Cornwall, said that since she had started in this new role she had become aware of many comments and concerns about the way the Partnership Boards were currently working. • Nuala gave a quick review of her previous work experience that included learning disability partnership work in the London Borough of Haringey . • Nuala would like to concentrate of finding out what is working, what requires improvement and what the major challenges are. • HC has been allocated an additional contract to specifically study the above and Nuala will be meeting many people and asking many questions over the next few weeks. Nuala will prepare a written report and an event will be arranged where people from all the relevant partnership boards will meet to discuss and shape/restructure future partnership boards. • Previously planned dates for future meetings have been cancelled for the time being. 	
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The relationship between Cornwall’s Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and its impact on Cornwall Autism Strategy • Richard Sharpe from Public Health, Cornwall Council went through a presentation (attached) based around the Cornwall Joint Strategic Needs Assessment . • The JSNA had within it 23 recommendations and RS will work with CHAMPS to reproduce these in Easy Read Format. Main questions that had arisen were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Who is getting Health Checks - are they receiving flu jabs? ○ Who is/who is not going to dental checks and treatment? ○ What supportive training is provided for GPs to help them assess and care for people with LD and Autism? Poor training results in poor assessments of health and needs ○ How many people were missing supportive interventions for example for housing? • RS has arranged for a meeting with the Kernow Clinical Commissioning Group service heads for children, adults and families • Tazmin said that it was common for women to ‘slip under the radar’ - more men became diagnosed with Autism than women became. • The Pearl Centre will be added to the list of service activities in Cornwall 	

- CB said that many Autistic people ended up with Cornwall Advocacy for support with regard to services and activities for them
- People, including professionals, tend to understand far less about Autism and Autistic people than they do about Learning Disabilities
- The strategy/focus paper will create a forum for a lot of the evidence information that is lacking
- RB and DA reminded the meeting of the on-going problem of people with Autism feeling registration creates a stigma - the positives of services created for them needs to be known more widely - possibly using story telling
- DA pointed out the danger of missing elderly autistic people in the research
- The work RS is currently doing with Nory Menneer and other researchers on Health Check rights for Autistic people is gaining momentum but a lot of statistics are currently missing.

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Any other business

4.1 Sarah Thorneycroft said that work had begun on an Older and Vulnerable People Housing Plan

4.2 Cornwall Council Charging Policy and Choice and Top up Policy consultations

The meeting discussed that members of the meeting unaware of this policy consultation did not know that this was going on apart from the notification via Stuart Cohen and HC and that they were not involved at the right level in the whole consultation process. The date for the end of the consultation had because of protest to date been extended from March 12 to March 15, 2018.

NK said that we could not discuss the detail but we could discuss a statement to Cornwall Council regarding how this happened.

NK requested that all organisations/individuals input their own statements with regard to the above ASAP.

- Letters had been received on March 9 by service users - these were not in accessible format and difficult to understand for carers.
- Council were not available on the telephone as a help desk when the letters were received.
- Date of letter was March 5, 2018
- The leaflet mentioned in the letter had not been included
- The list of recipients was extremely random so many people were still unaware of the policy change proposals
- There is no Easy Read format for the information
- SM said that other professionals within Cornwall

	<p>Council were unaware of this consultation or its implications.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ HD said there should have been county wide forums to discuss the proposals <p>NK would prepare a statement to go to council on behalf of the partnership to say</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ what the board was not happy with ○ what the board would like to happen <p>(This being aside from what the board members do not like about the policies)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on this would be required by 14.45 to enable HC to send to council before the deadline of 17.00 on March 15. <p>4.3 RB spoke of the Cornwall Asperger’s Autism event planned for Saturday March 17 at Falmouth University. A final push would be made to ensure everyone who wanted to could attend. There would be Facebook live feeds and further information would be available on http://www.spectrumasd.org/</p>	
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ACTION LOG:

<u>ACTION</u>	<u>RESPONSIBLE</u>	<u>COMPLETED</u>
1.Convert strategy to Easy Read	RS/CHAMPS	
2 Produce a statement regards the ASC consultation including what the Board are and are not happy with ,distribute to Board by 15/03/18 pm.	NK	15/03/18
3.After Board approve the above statement ,email to CC	NK	15/03/18
4.Add The Pearl Centre to list of Cornish activities	RS	
5.		

NEXT MEETING	To be confirmed
DATE	May 15 th 10.30-12.30pm
LOCATION	Wesley Buildings Redruth