




Learning Disability Partnership Board June 11th 2019

What we talked about at the meeting.

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|  | <p>The last minutes had 3 actions that we had an update on today.</p> <p>Universal Credit Advocacy Travel.</p> |
|  | <p>There will be a meeting for Partnership Board members in September. The disability advisors from the DWP will tell us about Universal Credit and we can ask questions.</p> <p>Nuala will ask them if they can answer questions on PIP too.</p> <p>Nuala will tell us when the meeting is.</p> |
|  | <p>Cornwall Council are deciding what advocacy services they want to pay for.</p> <p>They want to find out what services people think are good and what we want to see in the future.</p> <p>There is a meeting on July 9th 9.30-1pm in Pool Innovation Centre. You need to let Martha know if you want to go. Professionals can go too.</p> |



Amy said that the day services engagement will start soon. There will be a phone line, email and web-page to help people tell the Council what they think.

Amy will go to Blue Light Day to talk to people there.



Amy said there are minibuses at Blantyre, Morley Tamblyn and Lyndhurst Day Centres which work.

Penny and Sandra said Launceston Day Centre minibus is not running and Tregarne Respite Centre has problems too.

There is a small budget (£16 per month) for fuel. We want to know if that can be increased. Amy will find out for us.



Derek Hodinott from Cornwall Council came to tell us about changes with Direct Payments.

He said that some people have not been getting the right amount of money. Cornwall Council will assess what people need and help them to get a direct payment. There will be a new contract to sign.

Anthony said that he found it difficult to understand. Derek said that there will be an Easy Read guide ready soon. Nuala will send it out.



Dina Holder from Cornwall Women's Centre said that women with a LD (and also autism) are at a higher risk of domestic and sexual exploitation. They don't get the help they need.

The DIVAS are women who have a LD and autism who have been taught to deliver training about this. They have trained police, womens centre staff, the advisory group and the police and crime commissioner.

Kay, who is a DIVA told us about her experience of training and read a poem.



Whorlton Hall



We have heard about the abuse of people with learning disabilities and autism at Whorlton Hall. We are very sad and angry, but not surprised.... We believe that self advocacy is an important way reducing the chance of people being at risk of abuse.

We are asking Cornwall Council to continue to fund self advocacy in Cornwall.



Nuala reminded us that a TV reporter had filmed people with a LD and autism, being abused in Whorlton Hall Hospital. The hospital is now closed.

People from Cornwall were not there. Debbie Rees visits people from Cornwall who are in hospitals outside the County to make sure they are being looked after well.

Debbie said that all the people she visits have advocacy available. It is patient led.












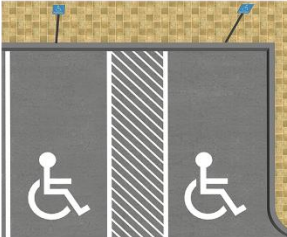
Combined Housing and Support Issues



We are concerned that some people have their accommodation and their support commissioned from the same organisation. We thought that after historic abuse cases, it had been decided they should be commissioned by separate organisations.



Debbie said that the TCP have asked for money from NHS England. This is so they can ensure people who leave hospital receive support from a separate company than the one which provides their housing.

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|  <h3>Above and Beyond Awards</h3>  <p>The trustees awarded the Above and Beyond Awards 2018 to Derek Laity for his work at Marazion Saturday Gang, and Phillip Northcott and Rosemary Phillips at St John's Hall, Penzance.</p> <p>All three have made an outstanding contribution to people with learning disabilities in Cornwall, and we thank them very much.</p>  | <p>The Board congratulated the award winners.</p> |
|  <h3>Supported Living</h3>  <p>We don't think there are enough supported living places in Cornwall. Could the LDPB please find out how many places there are in Cornwall?</p>  | <p>Nuala was told there were 770 places for supported living in Cornwall. There is a web-page which says it is 170 places.</p> <p>https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/media/29031561/evidence-base-for-community-based-support-and-housing-framework-2017-25.pdf</p> |
|  <h3>Extra Crisis Support</h3>  <p>We have supported someone with a Learning Disability and mental health issues who has recently been discharged from hospital following pneumonia. He was sent home to an empty flat, told to stay in for two weeks, and with only his usual two hours support a day.</p> <p>His mental health has deteriorated due to the isolation and need for more support while he was recovering.</p> <p>Is there currently a way to access extra support in this situation? We feel there is a need for extra hours available for a crisis.</p>  | <p>Sam said that there should be a discharge plan and additional support available when people leave hospital. Suzanne said that the support is often not flexible.</p> <p>Nuala said that this topic was important and will be put on the next agenda. She will invite people who can tell us more about this.</p> |
|  | <p>Sandra said that when people are transferred from DLA to PIP they may lose their Blue Badge. She appealed and got it back.</p> |
| <p>NEXT MEETING IS ON SEPTEMBER 10th 2019 CHACEWATER VILLAGE HALL.</p> | |

