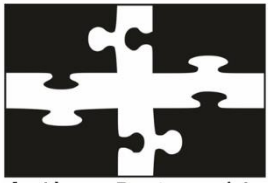


## Autism Partnership Board June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019

What we talked about at the meeting.

	<p>Elizabeth and Shelagh want to review the letter (script) which council staff can use, when speaking to people with autism. They will update us in September.</p>
	<p>Devon and Cornwall police want to improve the 101-telephone service for people with autism. You can ring it for help when it is not an emergency.</p> <p>Jules will tell us more at the next meeting and ask for our views.</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;">Day Centre</p>	<p>Kelvin Yates updated us on the engagement for day services, on behalf of Amy Claridge. To find out what people think about day services the plan is to have</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A survey</li> <li>• 3 drop in sessions</li> <li>• Phone lines</li> <li>• An email address just for this</li> </ul> <p>There will be other ways people can give their views and Amy will let us know when they are confirmed.</p>



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The Adult Autism Strategy



A plan to help adults with autism have better lives

There will be a meeting between Kelvin Yates, KCCG, and other Council and health professionals. They will talk about how to make sure adults and children with autism get a good service. They will put it in the new Autism Strategy.

A plan will show the organisations and way people can be assessed for autism.



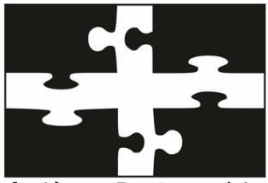
Nory Menneer said that we have a service for people who may get into crisis. A service to help people in crisis may be paid for next year. The Board said that this was important.



The Learning Disability and Autism Partnership Boards are both worried that there isn't enough money for fuel for the minibuses at the day service centres.

There is only £16 each month. When the buses run out people can't go to activities like Blue Light Day.

We will ask Amy Claridge if she can find out why.



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Dina Holder from Cornwall Women's Centre said that women with a LD (and 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, women's centre staff, the advisory group and the police and crime commissioner.

Steph, who is a DIVA, told us about her experience of training.

Dina would like to join the Autism Partnership Board.



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

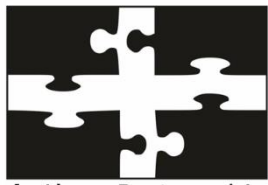
He said some people have not been getting the right amount of money.

Cornwall Council will assess what care people need and help them to get a direct payment. Most people use their money to pay for a personal assistant. The Council would prefer that people use a pre-payment card.



There will be a new contract to sign. The CHAMPs are helping to develop an Easy Read guide.

Before the changes are made the Council will talk to more people about what they think. This will happen from now until September.



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The way funding works for care can be confusing.

Health and social care budgets are separate. Derek is talking to the people in charge of health budgets to see if the Council and KCCG can help to make them work more together.



Kelvin Yates updated us on the engagement about day services. There will be a survey to find out what people think about the services and 3 drop-in sessions across Cornwall. Amy Claridge will tell us when. There will be a phone line and email address.



An undercover reporter found that there was abuse at Whorlton Hall Hospital. It has now closed.

People from Cornwall were not there. There are 19 people with a learning disability and autism in hospitals out of Cornwall.

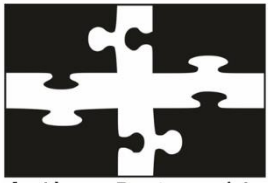
Debbie Rees visits them regularly to make sure, they are being looked after well.



Shelagh Mitchell said that she was concerned about the care Personal Assistants are providing. Some were seen to be on their phones ignoring their client others were not carrying out the care plan.

Suzanne Legatt also mentioned this at the LDPB.

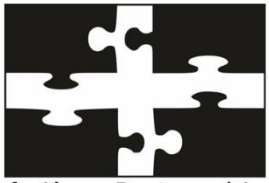
The PB agreed it would be a safeguarding issue.



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A shield-shaped icon with a gold border and a black background. Inside the shield, the words "Safe Guarding" are written in white, and "ALERT!" is written in red below it. The shield is flanked by two red curved lines on each side, resembling sound waves or a warning sign.	<p>Heather Davison said that if the service user complained they may not get another PA or feel a new one may be worse.</p> <p>We will talk more about it next time.</p>
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Next meeting is on September 17<sup>th</sup> 10.30-12.30pm. Refreshments from 10am.  
Truro Community Library, Union Place, Truro TR1 1EP  
Please tell Nuala if you are to come.



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