


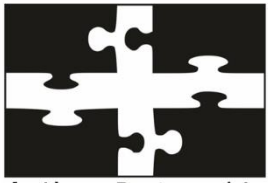


Autism Partnership Board

September 17th, 2019

What we talked about at the meeting.

	<p>Sergeant Julie Jamma Ben M'Hand from the Diverse Communities Team has a new role in Plymouth. She will not be coming to the Partnership Boards anymore. Nuala said thank-you for her help. We don't know who will replace her.</p>
	<p>Steph who is a DIVA and Dina told us that they have now trained 70 police officers and other professionals. There will be a new DIVA group soon.</p>
	<p>Ben Seamarks updated us on the engagement for day services, on behalf of Amy Claridge. 475 surveys have been completed. People told us that they don't want to feel lonely. They want to meet friends in a safe place.</p>



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Ben and Amy are asking a local organisation to help with co-producing the plan.

People who use day services will work with their families, carers and professionals

The Adult Autism Strategy



A plan to help adults with autism have better lives

Kelvin Yates is working on the strategy but it is not signed off yet.

Council and health professionals need to meet up to make sure it is completed.

The Board agreed that Nuala will talk to Cllr Gammon about the lack of progress.



Nuala said that NHS England asked Healthwatch to do a survey about dentists who provide special care.

There will be a new group for people with a learning disability to talk about health and social care services.

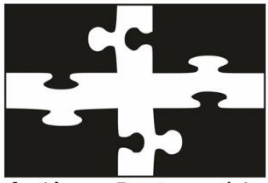
They will tell commissioners what they think.



Nory Menneer and Rebecca talked about the problems adults have getting an assessment for autism.

Outlook South West have a waiting list of over a year. People have to be referred by a medical professional. People who have a mental health problem must be assessed by CFT.

At the moment we don't know how many people are seen by CFT. We will ask Dr Rohit Shankar to come to the next meeting.



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Nory said that there wasn't enough money to pay for more services. KCCG don't see it as a priority.

if people have a long wait they can ask their GP to refer them out of county. This could be at the Lorna Wing Centre in Bromley.



The CHAMPs have organised The Big Walk on October 2nd in Tehidy Woods.

They have made an Easy Read copy of the new Direct Payments contract.



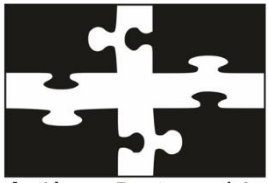
Rebecca Gay from Cornwall Council works in the Access Team.

She has written a script for people answering the phones to meet the needs of people with autism. She showed us a letter that the Team send out.



Sarah Stevens from Pluss came to talk about social prescribing.

A link worker helps people to find groups and activities which they may like to attend. There are link workers all over Cornwall.



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Nuala gave an update about the Direct Payment Review.

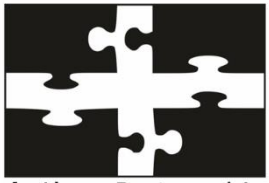
There is a survey about the new policy. It is not in Easy Read. The Board were not pleased about this.

There will be workshops and drop ins across the County. The list is on the full minutes

Next meeting is on December 17th 10.30-12.30pm. Refreshments from 10am.

Truro Community Library, Union Place, Truro TR1 1EP

Please tell Nuala if you are coming.



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