

Autism Partnership Board Meeting



20 March 2025

**at Probus Village hall
and on Microsoft Teams**

Who was there

Name	About Them
Cllr. Sally Weedon	Chair of the meeting
Robert O'Leary	Healthwatch Cornwall
Jay Thompson	Healthwatch Cornwall
Debbie Gilbert	Healthwatch Cornwall
Bethany Weiss	United Response
Zowie Wyatt	United Response
Madison Churchwood	United Response
Olivia Matta	United Response
Lucy Meek	United Response
Vicki Allan	Cornwall Council
Beth Collis	Cornwall Council
Paula Chappell	Cornwall Council
Craig Lobb	Lived Experience
Marilyn Lobb	Lived Experience
Christopher Burns	Self Advocate, Lived Experience
John Holland	Devon & Cornwall Police
Errol Cordle	NHS Cornwall & Isles of Scilly ICB
Gemma Dyson	NHS Cornwall Foundation Trust
Adrian Quest	Royal Cornwall Hospital Treliske
Beccy Summers	University of Exeter
Penni Charteress	Women's Centre Cornwall

Who couldn't make it

Name	About Them
Kelly Williams	NHS Cornwall Foundation Trust
Sgt. Flo Linscott	Devon & Cornwall Police
Michelle Hooker	Cornwall Council
David Allkins	Cornwall Council
Karen Hooper	Cornwall Council
Hussein Rujak	Cornwall Council
Marie Whitehurst	Disability Cornwall
Steve Hillman	Healthy Cornwall & The CHAMPS
Shelagh Mitchell	
The CHAMPS	



What we talked about



Everyone agreed that the minutes of the meeting held in November? were correct

Healthwatch Cornwall – Choosing a Co-Chair for the board



The Learning Autism Partnership Board needs **a Co-chair** to **help run the meetings**.

The board needed to decide how they wanted to choose the Co-Chair.



Debbie Gilbert from Healthwatch Cornwall spoke to the board about what a Co-Chair does.

Debbie also explained what type of person a good Co-Chair is.

The board then discussed how they would choose a Co-Chair and how to make the presentation easier to understand.

The presentation will be shared with these minutes.

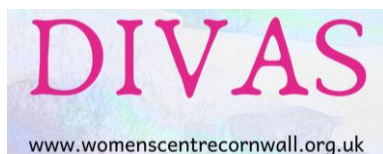


The board liked the idea that you can **nominate who you think would be a good Co-Chair**.

Women's Centre Cornwall – Staying Safe in Relationships



Penni Charteress told the board that the Women's Centre Cornwall support neurodivergent women.



The **DIVAS** are a group of **neurodiverse women** who have **experienced abuse**.

They use their experiences to make **good changes in Cornwall**



The Women's Centre Cornwall do **workshops** that teach you **how to be safe in a relationship**.



If you would like to learn more, you can speak to Penni Charteress



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The PowerPoint that Penni showed to the board will be sent with these minutes

Autism Strategy for Cornwall



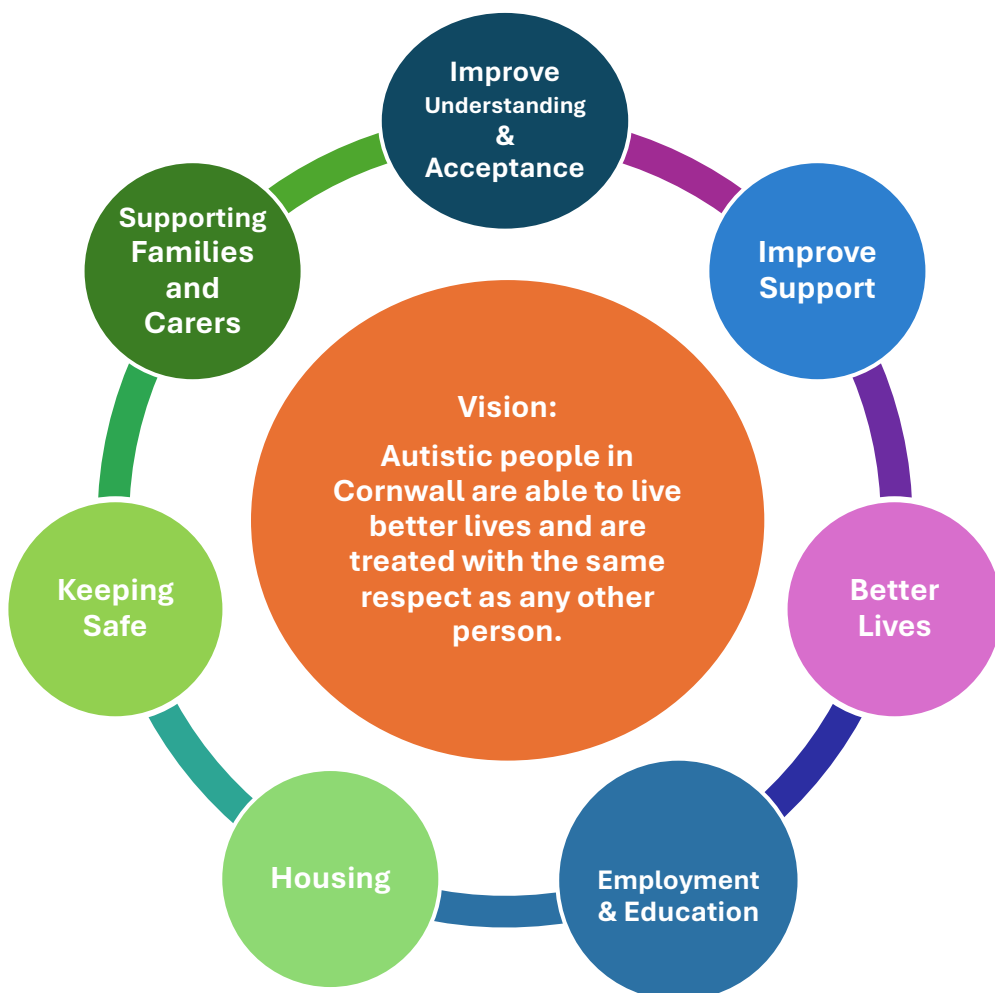
Vicki Allan from Cornwall Council said that the **Autism Strategy** for Cornwall was **finished** and is **now being checked**.



**Healthy
Cornwall**

Healthy Cornwall and the **CHAMPS** will make sure that it is **easy to read**.

The board was reminded of the 7 Key Priorities of the Autism Strategy



Neurodiversity Identification Wristbands (NDID)



Today's **meeting is themed** around the **Keeping Safe** priority.

This looks at the **relationship between police and autistic people** and keeping **safe in relationships**.



John Holland from the **Devon and Cornwall Police** showed the board a new **green wristband** the police had made called the **NDID wristband**.

You can **scan the wristband with your phone**, and it will say what the **needs of the person wearing the wristband** are.

This is what the wristband looks like:



Vicki Allan also spoke about a **Care Home Tender** and would like people with lived experience to help make the tender.

Discussing the theme of the next meeting.



The board agreed that, because there were only a small number of board members with lived experience, the **Keeping Safe theme should be discussed again.**

Any other business?



Penni Charteress from the Women's Centre Cornwall told us that **Dina Holder has now retired** and so will **no longer attend our meetings**



Sally Weedon thanked the board for their hard work and said that chairing the Autism Partnership Board was a "**really good experience** with a **lovely bunch of people**"