

Autism Partnership Board Meeting



15 November 2022

Who was there

Name	About them
Tanya Falaschi (TF) (In the Chair)	Healthwatch Cornwall
Mike Hooper (MH)	Healthwatch Cornwall
Christopher Burns (CB)	Service User and disability campaigner
David Allkins (DA)	Cornwall Council
David Burns (DB)	Citizen Checkers and Healthwatch Cornwall
Ian Hutchinson (IH)	Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust, National Autistic Society Cornwall Branch and Autistic Community of Cornwall
Jason Pape (JP)	Proper Job Café and Maritime Museum
Julie Atwell-Cook (JA)	Cornwall Council
Julie Pape (JP)	Cornwall Council
Julia Wildfire-Roberts (JW)	Pentreath and Healthwatch Cornwall
Karen Hooper (KH)	Cornwall Council
Marie Ralph (MR)	National Autistic Society Cornwall Branch and Autistic Community of Cornwall
Michelle Lobb (ML)	Parent Carers Cornwall
Nory Menneer (NM)	Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Integrated Care Board
Paul Owen (PO)	Cornwall Council
Philip Hanscombe (PH)	Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
Rebecca Jelbert (RJ)	Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
Shelagh Mitchell (SM)	Cornwall Council
Tina Sanford (TS)	Cornwall Council

What we talked about at the meeting



Everybody agreed that the minutes of the September meeting were correct.

Updates from members



Department for
Work & Pensions

Mike said that the **DWP** had not replied to the questions that Board members had asked.

He would try to get answers.



Money was needed to hold **Blue Light Day** in 2023.

Sally Weedon will talk to the Council to see if they will give funding.



Board members will be speaking with the **Police** about some things.

- Training to understand mental health and autistic meltdowns better.
- Adding an autism alert to the new Hospital Passport app.

That would be instead of having an Autism Alert Card.



Cornwall Council and the **NHS** want to work together to make sure that they train their staff about autism.

It is very important that training is led by autistic people so they are working with The Autistic Community of Cornwall



The Advocacy People now has staff to work with the Partnership Boards.

They would tell us their plans at the next meeting



Adult Social Care

Cornwall Council was reviewing its **Direct Payments** Policy.

They want to make the process easier.

If you receive Direct Payments you can go to a meeting at the Venton Conference Centre on 30th November.

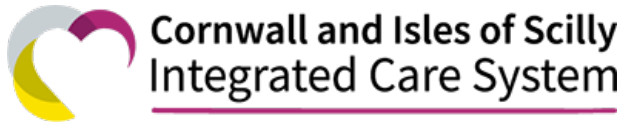
You need to tell them what questions they need to ask people.



Cornwall and Isles of Scilly

The **NHS** and **Adult Social Care** has to make sure that staff had **Oliver McGowan training**.

They want to work together to make sure they all receive the same high standard training.



People have to wait a long time for autism assessments.

Young people told the **NHS** that their parents need help to support them while they wait.

There are 3 events to talk about making changes.

Mike will email the details.



Autistica wants to make sure that every autistic person can have an **Annual Health Check**.

Nory will invite them to work with this Board.



Julia Wildfire-Roberts was doing a project for **Pentreath** called **Shine Together**.

She wants to make sure that autistic people get good mental health care.

By helping people into work, education or training it will help others to learn too.



The Women's Centre Cornwall is working with **Age UK** on the abuse of elderly people.

Dina Holder is making sure that autistic individuals are able to tell their stories.

Phillip Hanscombe said the **Autism Intensive Support Team** service would start online in the new year.

It will offer urgent help to autistic adults or people with mental health issues.

Dr Rebecca Jelbert from **The Adult Autism Assessment Team** said it can take up to 4 years to get an autism assessment.

They have taken on more staff to slow down the waiting list.

David Burns said **Citizen Checkers** are supporting 2 people that have been put in hospitals out of Cornwall.

One has been able to return home.

The other person will go home later that week.



Cornwall Partnership

NHS Foundation Trust





Healthy
Cornwall

Paul Owen from **The CHAMPs** said the **Safe Places** was running again.

The CHAMPs have a new song to get people to get their vaccinations

Shelagh Mitchell said they would love to record it and asked if anyone could help.

Mike Hooper from the **Partnership Boards** team wants to plan for next year.

Members talked about what the Board needs to be the best it can be.

People said:

- A plan of what we will talk about at every meeting.
- Small groups to look at different topics.
- More money.
- Meetings in person are better than online.
- The Board needs to celebrate all of the good things that it does.
- Talk to Boards from other areas about their work.

Meeting dates for 2023 will be sent out soon

