

Learning Disability Partnership Board Meeting



8 September 2022

At County Hall, Truro



Who was there

Name	About them
Tanya Falaschi - Chair	Healthwatch Cornwall
Mike Hooper	Healthwatch Cornwall
Andrew Coleman	Cornwall Partners in Care
Charlotte Day	Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
Claire Grimsey	Cornwall Partners in Care
Christopher Jordan	Self-advocate and Volunteer book keeper for Cornwall People First and Parish Councillor
Dina Holder	Divas / The Women's Centre
Jason Stone	Self-Advocate, Mid-Cornwall Hub Day Services
Jo Pike	Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
Julia-Wildfire-Roberts	Healthwatch Cornwall & Pentreath Mental Health
Julie Pape	Self-advocate
Karen Gregory	Mid-Cornwall Hub Day Services
Karen Hooper	Cornwall Council
Kevin Beveridge	Cornwall Council
Laura Keeper	Self-advocate, Blantyre Day Service, Cornwall People First & Proper Job Café
Lynda Berry	Parent Carer
Martha Reed	Cornwall Council
Matthew Oates	Self-advocate, Mid-Cornwall Hub Day Services

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Natalie Philips	Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
Neil Carpenter	Volunteer Advocate, Cornwall People First
Nory Menneer	NHS Kernow
Sandra Ward	Parent carer of a young adult with profound LD, Director of Parent Carers Cornwall and Chair of Carers Partnership Board
Steve Dymond	Self-advocate and Partnership Boards Community Promoter
Tom Sanderson	Self-advocate & Volunteer for Mid- Cornwall Hub Day Services

What we talked about at the meeting

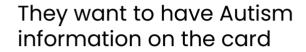


Everybody agreed that the minutes of the last meeting were correct.

Actions and Updates from members



The Police and the **CHAMPs** want to restart the **Safe Places** scheme.





If you feel worried when outside you can ask for help in places that have a Safe Places sticker in the window.

These are places like shops, cafes and job centres.



Transport to Day Services was now based on a persons needs.



Healthy Cornwall

Julie and Jason Pape were joining the **CHAMPs** Team.



Parent Carers Cornwall gave an update.

They want to help parents of adults with additional needs.

They are holding sensory workshops.

The Aiming Higher Conference is on 4th October.

They are working on a new Liberty Protection Policy. It has to be right for Cornwall.



The Women's Centre and the **Divas** gave an update.

They are working with the government on violence against women and girls.

They are working with the National Probation service.

They are training lots of new staff to know how to help women that have been abused.

New Logo



4 Board members have designed new logos for the Board.

They are all so good that the Board can not pick a winner.

A new logo with bits from all 4 will go to the next meeting.

All 4 members will get vouchers for their work.

Peer Review





Cornwall Council want to make sure that everyone has the right support.

Everyone should have a say about the support they need.

So they Council asked the **Local Government Association** to review what they do.

A presentation is at the end of these minutes.



Update from NHS Kernow



Annual Health Checks

Fewer people with a learning disability were having an **Annual Health Check**.

Work was being done with **GP**s to get more people to have one.



Out of Area Hospitals

2 people were staying in hospitals out of Cornwall.

Both had plans in place to return.



Event

An event would be held on 14 October.

It is about making sure that everyone gets fair and equal treatment.

Cornwall People First, Cornwall
Partners in Policymaking and Citizen
Checkers would be there.

Partnership Boards Work



A group of members from the LD Partnership Board and the Autism Partnership Board have put together questions for the **DWP**.

The answers will go to the next meeting.



The team have held 2 sessions with service users and **Cornwall Council**.

They want to make sure that everyone can live well and be safe.

More sessions will be held.



Mike and Tanya met with Penny Newman of **The Advocacy People** about getting new self-advocate Board members.



The team want more self-advocates to join them at events like **Blue Light Day** and the **Royal Cornwall Show**.

Please get in touch and become a **Community Promoter**.

Updates from Adult Social Care



Delivering Better Care

Cornwall Council want self-advocates to help them to ask the right questions about care and support.

They also want your help to run workshops.

More information would go to the next meeting.



Day Services

The Council have decided to close 4 day services.

They now want to make sure that the right services are in place for peoples needs.



Adult Social Care

Making Services Accessible

Cornwall Council had a new 'Front Door' for people to access services.

That means that when you contact the Council you should be able to speak to the right person to help you.

Any Other Business



Sandra Ward from **Parent Carers Cornwall** is worried about the cost of living.

Cornwall Council must do all it can to give good advice and support.

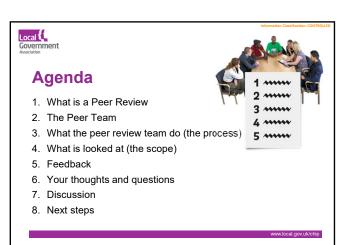
The next Learning Disability Partnership Board meeting will begin at 10:30am on Thursday 3 November 2022





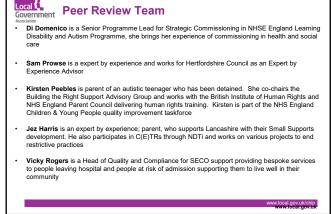
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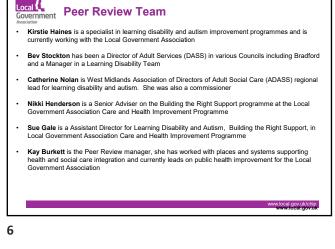








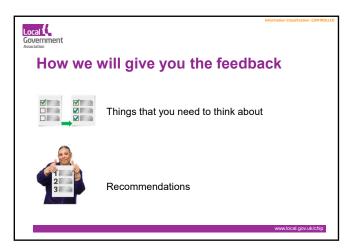


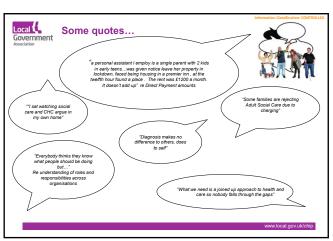






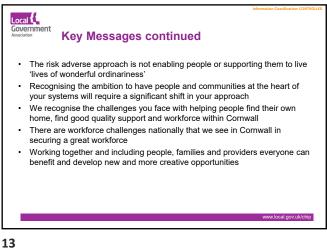




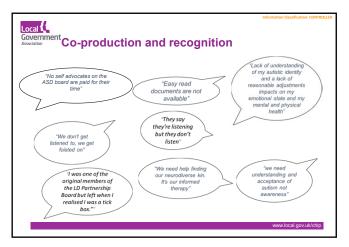


Local 🐫 **Key Messages** We had the privilege of meeting passionate and committed people who are driven to improve the lives of people We know you are on a journey and we can see you have plans in place to move things forward and improve peoples' lives. As you move out of the pandemic there is an opportunity to accelerate the scale and pace of delivery taking people with you You have some fantastic self advocacy organisations for families of children and people with a learning disability from the legacy of previous investment - an opportunity for you to re-engage and benefit from hearing their voices Creative work is happening in pockets despite the system which is leading to good outcomes for some people - this needs to be enabled to have maximum impact across the system There is a disconnect between health and social care - and between strategic, operational teams and community There are some significant gaps around provision for autistic people which needs to be addressed urgently There is no defined crisis support pathway creating significant pressure in the system

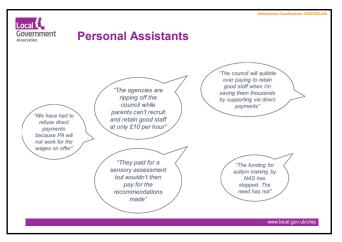
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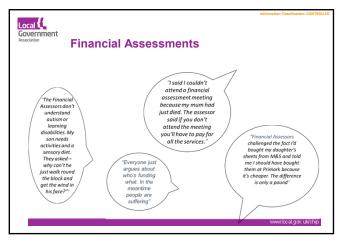




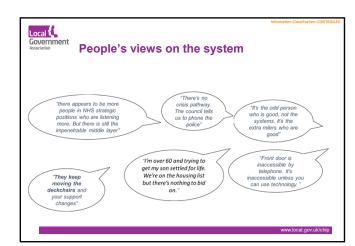


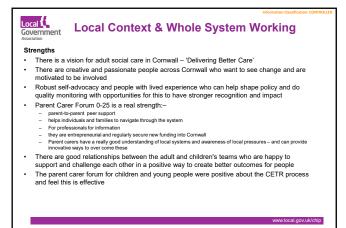












Local Context & Whole System Working

Strengths

Discharges from hospital have occurred and people are living back in their local area

The Integrated Care Board have identified executive roles for people with a learning disability, autistic people and SEND

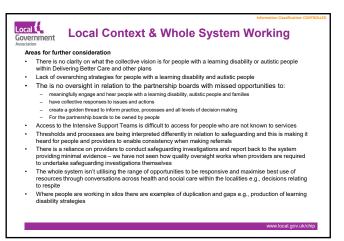
We have heard really positive examples of the key worker pilot and the difference it has made to children and families

We have seen some joint long term strategic approaches to housing in the Council

Blue Light meetings were seen as a positive way to bring people together when there is an emerging crisis

At operational level there is appreciation of the challenges being faced within adult social care

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Local Context & Whole System Working

Areas for further consideration

Communication with the workforce, partners and families on key issues or changes is inconsistent and not joined up

Centralised budgets are restricting opportunities for place based prioritisation and solutions

The Council's website is not accessible for people and parent and family carers and can be confusing to navigate

There is a lack of consistency regarding positive risk taking which is leading to individuals or teams holding all the accountability as well impacting negatively on people's lives and opportunities



Sustainability

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- Having some new key strategic permanent appointments is viewed as very positive and seen as an opportunity enable sustained change
- There are some great staff practitioners, commissioners and managers who are taking dynamic approaches in several areas of practice e.g., Learning Zones to complement formal training and continuous professional development
- There are pockets of innovation across commissioning and practice
- People working across the system are keen to hear about good practice and are committed to continuous improvement; and shared learning
- New approach to data reporting bringing together children's, adults and public health reporting - opportunity to think creatively about how outcomes and assets are report alongside areas for improvement.

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Sustainability

Areas for further consideration

- There are a couple of key elements of work and functions being held by a few people who are in demand
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- Lack of a positive risk management agreement across health and adult social care
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 There is a shared acknowledgement that there is a tendency towards a risk averse culture and the need for the development of a positive approach to risk management that is shared and owned by partners, people with lived experience
- Access to data requires further work to ensure the depth and scope of this intelligence is available to inform decision making and provide insights to impact on outcomes for people
- Personal Assistant rates not in line with Care at Home rates means that people are struggling to recruit and retain PAs with missed opportunities for early conversations with people who have PAs which may have helped to understand the implications and impact
- A focus on cutting services to reduce spend rather than looking at how investments on early intervention and prevention activities could reduce spend in the future

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Capacity to deliver

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- Work by the Children's Trust taking an integrated approach is successfully keeping children at home and out of hospital
- Children's Multi Disciplinary Teams crosses organisations and includes youth workers and
- Use of community education and treatment reviews for children is effective at keeping children out of hospital
- Social work training and development includes health, rights and strength based
- There was an example of individual's influencing how their provider trains staff responding to the individual person's aspirations
- Evidence of positive approaches to support for example someone was supported to go away over night to a concert
- Social care provider with a strong focus on reducing health inequalities where 100% of people supported have had a health check.
- Relaunch of adult dynamic support register building on the Dorset best practice just at the beginning but real opportunity to shift towards earlier prevention
- Recognition that a post-diagnostic autism pathway is an area needing some priority attention

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Capacity to deliver

Strengths

- Innovative approach to working with inpatients by the ICS including using life
- Autism Diagnostic Team is becoming a multi-disciplinary team and they have a clear aspiration to establish post-diagnostic support networks for autistic people
- Mental health commissioners are clear that there is funding to invest in the autism pathway

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Capacity to deliver

Areas for further consideration

- The diagnostic and support system for autistic people is underdeveloped
 - Creating long-delays for autism diagnosis No pre or post diagnostic support Peer support for autistic adults is not there

 - Family carers are unclear about the therapeutic offer for autistic adults (SALT, OT, physio and IAPT) is and how they access it
- Provision for autistic people is limited
- Outcomes from diagnosis referrals have been received via a letter, this is not good
- Carers spoke of their experiences of not being spoken to about large changes in care packages or closure of day services
- Family carers are not getting the information they need from the statutory agencies - at times of crisis or other transition points
- A 'waiting list' for accommodation with support of 136...

Capacity to deliver

overnment Areas for further consideration

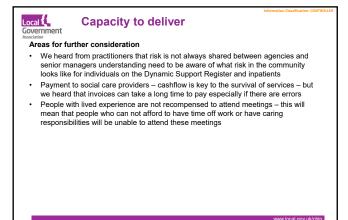
Leadership confusion amongst providers and practitioners about who will be leading work to redesign and commission the accommodation and support offer from '23 – when the current contract ends

Gaps around training:

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- Learning disability and autism understanding
- Reasonable adjustments
- Communication
- Sensory environments offer to commissioners
- The employment offer that is being developed sounds really exciting and innovative, but th needs to be a plan in place that draws together the different agencies and sets out who is what this would benefit people's employment opportunities external to the council
- We heard that communication from the council and the NHS to families and individuals is often poor and reasons for why things have changed is often unclear

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Service Design Local 🐫 Strengths Staff in the council and the NHS have shown a person-centred drive and really want to work in ways that allows them to do this Parents and family carers worked with the transitions team to identify what does/does not work and parent/family carers and influenced the neurodiverse pathway Parent Carers Forum and the Partners in Policy Team have developed services and are trusted by families and people with the potential to do more with a some additional funding Parent Carers Forum was provided with flexible covid funding from the CCG that could be used to meet sensory needs during lockdown – empowering decisions about how to spend money to meet communities needs

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Service Design

Areas for further consideration

- Leisure and day opportunities for those who cannot access training and employment are not easy for parents to access and even when they can access transport becomes a barrier because some provision is many miles away from their home.
- Working and influencing DWP as the offer for disabled people is very slow and without reasonable adjustments, with long waiting lists causing unnecessary delays for people wanting to work
- The post Covid respite and social care placement offer is undeveloped in places and it feels to parents that hospital discharges are being prioritised; so an opportunity to prevent carer fatigue or care breakdown is lost
- Transition to adult services: pathways and transitions for social care and health need to be clear about what criteria are being use to set the age at which transition planning is initiated. We heard from parent and practitioners that this varies from 16 years to the day before their eighteenth birthday. How transition into adult service: works needs to be better communicated for parents

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Service Design

Areas for further consideration

- The current mental heath community team offer and crisis support feels inaccessible to individuals and their families with an individual's disability being used to explain their presentation rather than their mental health needs
- Why has the Autism Intensive support team taken a long time to get established and secure its staff base, this is welcome service but is currently closed to new referrals
- Current needs assessment for adult social care eligibility and care planning was too focussed on fitting people to available services – not enough building on strengths and helping them realise their aspirations
- Financial assessments feels clumsy and unhelpful to individuals and families.
- Communication in relation to Direct Payment; Individual Service Funds and Personal Budgets not clear or accessible



Service Design

Areas for further consideration

- Currently not maximising quality assurance to:
 - get ahead of potential failur Improvement' deregistration and supporting providers before they 'Require
 - Respond to safeguarding and issues that are being flagged Learning from recent events.

 Share quality concerns between health and care partners

 - Work proactively with the whole provider market

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Recognising the ambition to have people and communities at the heart of your systems (the fundamental 'flip' you talk about) – this is a big jump from where you are now and perhaps a step too far at the moment. We suggest making a smaller 'flip' to enable you to work on some fundamental areas that will help inform and guide your journey to the bigger 'flip' over time

- Fundamentals to focus on:
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 Working together all organisations, all agencies and people and families to have one vision of where you are going that you are all signed up to
 True co-production there is some great work going on around engagement but taking a step further and making sure that 'nothing about us without us' is embedded at all levels is key
 Risk working to develop a consistent approach to risk to enable people to get the lives they choose and reducing/removing a risk aversion culture
- reducing retrivening a risk aversion counter.

 Can-do culture moving to a 'do with' rather than a 'done to' position. Giving all levels of the system (including people and families) the permission to be creative and solutions focussed so that you have shared problems to develop shared solutions.
- Co-ordinate and build on what you have you have great, values driven ad passionate people in the system with lots of good things happening. Find a way to bring these together in a co-ordinated way to enable them to grow and develop

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