

Learning Disability Partnership Board Minutes

Meeting: Tuesday, 10 March 2020



Who was there?



Jayne Kirkham, Amy Claridge, Ben Seamarks, Ebony Rose Thomas, Gillian Gilbert, Neil Oats, Richard Gittens, Shelagh Mitchell and Tina Sanford from Cornwall Council.



Mike Hooper from Healthwatch Cornwall.



Allison Kirk, Hannah Welch, Samuel Edwards and Sharon Hambley from Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust.



Andrew Dunn, Kate Wicket, Nory Menneer and Paula Volkner from Kernow Clinical Commissioning Group.



Christine Bateman and Neil Carpenter from Cornwall Advocacy.



Chris Jordan, Fliss Hedge, Gary Bolitho, Laura Keeper, Mark Hutchings, Maurice Shurmer and Roxanne Sutherland from Cornwall People First.



Dave F. from the Learning Disability Advisory Group.



Dina Holder from Women's Centre Cornwall.



Jenna Pulley from Cornwall Partners in Policy.



Katy Hutchinson from The Chaos Group.



Lesley Saunders from Shared Lives South West.

What was discussed?



1. Welcome, introductions and apologies.



2. Minutes of the last meeting.



3. STOMP talked about the work they do.

STOMP wants to stop people with learning disabilities or autism being given too many medications.



4. Kernow Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)

People from the Kernow CCG talked about the work they do with people with learning disabilities.



They are helping people to live in homes, not hospitals.



They are making sure people have proper plans.



They are visiting people to check that they are OK.



People who live in special hospitals should have people to help them stand up for their rights.



They are looking at what could have been done better when someone with a learning disability dies.



They are setting up a Step Up, Step Down Unit that helps people who need extra care for a short time.



5. What people said about day services

Cornwall Council asked The Chaos Group to help them look at how to improve day services.



The Chaos Group asked people what they thought.

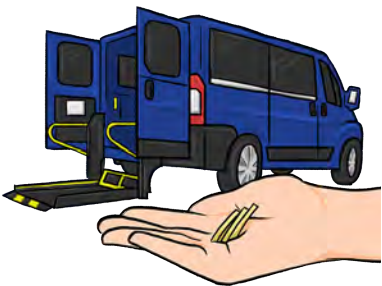


People said:

- we still need some buildings, but we need to get out into the community more



- local communities need to trust us more



- it costs too much to travel



- the Council should let people use their buildings at weekends or in the evenings.



6. News about day services

Amy Claridge said that:



Day Services in Redruth

Nobody is now going to the Elms in Redruth, so all staff have been moved to the Camborne Centre.



We may use the base at Redruth for local community services.



We are hoping to set up a café or coffee shop at the new Kresen Kernow building in Redruth. This will be run by people with learning disabilities.



Murdoch and Trevithick

People are worried about what will happen to people who used to go to Murdoch and Trevithick.



Transport

We are not getting as much money as we used to, for transport.



At the moment we have 9 minibuses. Some of them are old and need repairs.



Centres have less money to spend on fuel for the minibuses. The Council wants everyone to use less diesel to help the environment.



Some centres are helping people to use the local buses.



What people said

It's unfair for people who use wheelchairs.



Some centres had other money to help people to get to certain activities.



Visiting beaches helps people to stay healthy.



It's unfair on people who live in villages.



Coronavirus COVID-19

After the meeting on Thursday, 19 March, the Council said that:

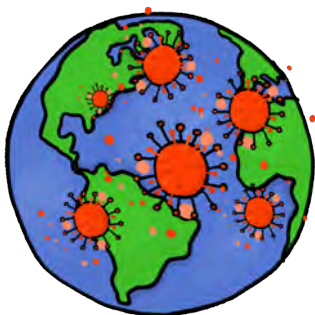
- all centres would close for a while



- centre managers would think about how to support people during the **lockdown**



- the short breaks service would close for a while.



Coronavirus (COVID-19) is a new illness that affects your lungs and breathing.

It is spreading around the world.



Lockdown means that we should all stay at home and keep away from other people.

This is to stop the spread of Coronavirus.



7. Report from the Cornwall People First Forums

Dentists



People want to know:

- are there enough specialist learning disability dentists?
- how can you access a specialist learning disability dentist?



People had some problems accessing the Harleigh Road clinic in Bodmin.



Doctors

Many people have difficulty getting an appointment with their doctor.



Healthwatch Cornwall will be looking into this.



More people are lonely

People are more lonely because there are less services for people during the day.



One man just travels around on the bus so he can get out of the house.



Waiting to hear about your benefits

People are having to wait too long between the time they appeal about their benefits and when they hear the decision.



Where to go for information?

Now there aren't so many day services, people don't know where to go for information.

8. Any other business

Services for people with autism and Aspergers syndrome



The service that looks to see if people have autism or Aspergers syndrome has moved from Outlook Southwest to CFT.



Due to Coronavirus COVID-19, we will not have face-to-face meetings for a while. Instead we will have video meetings online.



Charging policy

Cornwall Council will be looking at how much to charge people for services on 11 March 2020.



Plans for Carers

The Council has been talking to carers. They are now going to start to write their plans for carers.



Yehas Bagas

Yehas Bagas is a learning disability user group.

It hasn't been able to have its second meeting yet.



Other Partnership Boards

A Partnership Board is a meeting of people from the Council, health services and many other organisations that work to improve things locally for a certain group of people.



Healthwatch Cornwall supports 4 Partnership Boards. They are for:

- carers
- older people
- autism
- learning disabilities.



Healthwatch Cornwall are looking at:

- who should go to Partnership Board meetings?



- how each Partnership Board should be run?



- who should be the main person in the Council for each board?



- should there be another group, that looks at the ideas from all the Partnership Boards?