

MEETING NOTES:	Cornwall Autism Partnership Board
DATE:	October 17, 2017 - 10am - 12.30pm
LOCATION:	Liskeard Methodist Church Barn Street Liskeard PL14 4BL

ATTENDANCE

Name	Organisation
Name (Initials)	
David Allkins (DA)	Cornwall Council (+ self-advocate)
Henry Barnes (HB)	National Autistic Society
Sue Bartlett (SB)	United Response
Graham Baskerville (GB)	Cornwall Neighbourhoods for change
Anne Bowdler (AB)	Cornwall Foundation Trust - Primary Care liaison
Rachel Brown (RB)	Spectrum
Chris Burns (CB)	Self-Advocate/Autism Assemble
Stuart Cohen (SC)	Cornwall Council Commissioning
Keith Coleman (KC)	Wheelchair Project Manager, Home Solutions
Emma Corlett (EC)	Cornwall Council - Children's Autism
Scott Feller (SFe)	Isles of Scilly council
Steve Ford (SFo)	Volunteer Cornwall
Dave Hocking (DH)	Cornwall Rural Community Charity
Julie Jamaa Ben MHand (JM)	Devon and Cornwall Police Diverse Communities
Kim Mabon (KM)	Department of works and pensions
Nory Menneer (NM)	Kernow Clinical Commissioning Group
Ginette Trewin (GT)	Employability Cornwall
David Tyack (DT)	Cornwall Council

APOLOGIES

Name	Organisation
Vicki Allan	Cornwall Council Commissioning Manager, Working Age Adults
Julie Attwell-Cook	County Parenting Advisor, Cornwall Council Children and family services
Glen Beale	Watch Manager Fire Prevention and Road Safety
CHAMPs representatives	Health Promotions, Cornwall Council
Zoe Cooper	NHS
Colin Gameson	Devon and Cornwall Police
Andrew Gray	Cornwall People First
Lesley Beryl Hawker	GP
Ellen Hearne	NHS
Gemma Johns	Outlook SW
Suzanne Lee	Cornwall People First
Abigail McCormack	Outlook South West
Tasha Milton	Disability Employment Advisor, DWP

Mandy Owen	Outlook South West
Graeme Plunkett	Local Authority Lead, preparing for adulthood
Tigger Pritchard	National Autistic Society Cornwall Branch
Jane Rees	Acute Liaison nurse for learning disability and autism
Susie Sevor	National Autistic Society SW
Jack Whitehead	Autism Assemble
Melanie Wiesel	Principal Occupational Therapist, Adult social services
Jody Wilson	Healthwatch Cornwall
Georgia Wright	Outlook South West

3. MEETING CONTENT

Item	What was discussed?	Action
1	<p><u>Updates</u></p> <p>1.1 Training</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Autistic Society have been commissioned to give Autism Awareness training to Cornwall Council staff The training will be audited and further information will be provided <p>1.2 Health checks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A focus document is being finalised by Cornwall Council Public Health department which includes recommendations <p>1.3 Awareness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Previously planned café chaos chats will not take place but Spectrum are working on a one day conference for an invited audience focusing on helping people living with autism overcome obstacles in their lives. This will be at Falmouth University on March 17, 2018 <p>1.4 Technical Product development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Falmouth University project has been dropped for this year but could be picked up by future student intakes. A letter of thanks will be sent to the University for their interest A presentation about the EPIC software project will be made at the Pearl Centre - see email attached <p>1.5 Housing landlords meeting - meeting to support landlords with housing autistic applicants still to be organised</p> <p>1.6 Website Autism pages updates - SC will investigate progress - desired database changes are anticipated to be completed November 17, 2017.</p> <p>1.7 Having attended a Department of Works and Pensions presentation SC will work with KM to support suitable video links to enable a presentation about Universal Credit</p>	<p>1.1 Kerry Crawley to update partnership whenever possible</p> <p>1.2 HC to retain as an agenda item for updates</p> <p>1.3 RB to supply information for distribution (January 18?)</p> <p>1.4 SC to send letter of thanks</p> <p>1.5 SC to set up a meeting to follow this idea through</p> <p>1.6 SC to investigate</p> <p>1.7 SC to provide a suitable presentation for the next or following meeting.</p>

	<p>DH said that Marita Ward, Community Manager at CRCC oversees a project funded by Western Power Distribution that provides budgeting support for people in their own homes. Her contact details are as follows: E-mail: Marita.Ward@cornwallrcc.org.uk Telephone: 01872 243557</p>	
2	<p>Current situation with Cornwall Autism Strategy</p> <p>2.1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Health department focus paper, mentioned earlier will be available as a link in the strategy document • The aim is for the document to be published in time to go to Council cabinet in December 2017. • HB was concerned that stated objectives had few long terms aims. SC said that the strategy would be reviewed in 12 months and it was then that the adding of longer term objectives would be appropriate. <p>2.2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various amendments were noted by SC including the removal of abbreviations wherever possible and the definition of short, medium and long term objectives • HB will supply information about the time of the next National Autistic Strategy • The actions list will be reviewed by the Working Group at their next meeting • HB and CB to supply their comments on strategy within two weeks 	<p>2.2 .1 HB to investigate anticipated date for next NAS strategy document</p> <p>2.2.2 CB and HB to communicate their comments to SC within two weeks</p>
3	<p>Other business</p> <p>3.1 Real life experiences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CB suggested that it would be helpful for members of CAP to meet people with Autism to find out how they are living day by day in Cornwall. This would include those members who already meet people because of the service they run. He felt it would help in creating decisions which would help people with their real life problems. <p>3.2 Special educational needs statements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CB said that Autism should not be ignored in SEN statements - this will avoid having higher costs to sort out problems in later life. <p>3.3 Raising awareness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CB would like to increase awareness by placing the new logo in places where you would not expect to see it e.g. on a rally car. 	

<p>3.4 Potential disaster with Universal Credit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CB expressed a fear that this could make lives even more impossible for Autistic people and could lead to desperation. <p>3.2 Scripts for speaking to the Access team</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The reaction of the Access team had been successfully tested in one trial but there were no actual experiences available <p>3.3 Other scripts required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The working group will address this <p>3.4 Accessible information training for councillors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No progress to date <p>3.5 Terms of reference for partnership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are still some issues to be resolved with regard to funding, appointment and support of Chair and co-chair <p>3.6 Pathways for Healthcare</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nory Menneer reported that details will be part of the Cornwall Autism Strategy when they are universal. Progress has been made at Treliske hospital in Truro <p>3.7 Importance of diagnosis for adults for strategy to be applicable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EC pointed out that children do not need a formal diagnosis whilst attending school as teachers have advice and training to help them. By the time they are 18 years they will hopefully have had a diagnosis. The importance then is to enable them to get into the world of work • RB pointed out that the Autism Act only supports diagnosed individuals but you can request to see if a diagnosis is applicable <p>3.8 Awareness of Autism in parliament</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HB reported that in Bristol MPs had met with Autistic people and had left with a list of things that needed their attention • CB reported that there was an Autism debate in Parliament in September where it was agreed that diagnosis information would be collected from all parts of the UK. <p>3.9 Development of Partnership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A map of where current members come from • The use of a website similar to https://www.meetup.com/ for member to see what is going on in the county. Funding would be required • Invite local MPs, at least hoping for a member of their team to attend a future meeting • Continue to invite portfolio holder, Rob Rotchell 	<p>HC to retain as an agenda item</p> <p>HC to retain as an agenda item</p> <p>HC to retain as an agenda item</p> <p>SC to include when appropriate</p> <p>RB to investigate funding availability</p>
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ACTION LOG:

<u>ACTION</u>	<u>RESPONSIBLE</u>	<u>COMPLETED</u>
1.1 Update partnership re awareness training whenever possible	KC	
1.2 Retain Health Checks as an agenda item	HC	
1.3 Supply information re one day conference in Falmouth	RB	
1.4 Write thank you letter to Falmouth college	SC	
1.5 Set up meeting for Housing landlords	SC	
1.6 Check on status of Cornwall council Website Autism pages	SC	
1.7 Enable a suitable presentation about Universal Credit	SC	
2.2 .1 HB to investigate anticipated date for next NAS strategy document	HB	
2.2.2 CB and HB to communicate their comments to SC within two weeks	HB and CB	
3.2, 3.3 and 3.4 Keep scripts (Access plus others required as agenda items) and Terms of Reference as ongoing agenda items	HC	
3.6 Add health pathways section to strategy document when finalised	SC	
3.9 Investigate possible funding for 'meetup' membership	RB	

Useful link - Joint Strategic Needs and Assessment

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/public-health-cornwall/joint-strategic-needs-assessment-jsna/>

NEXT MEETING	
DATE	February 20, 2018 at 10.00
LOCATION	Redruth Methodist Church Hall, Higher Fore Street, Redruth, TR15 2EG