

MEETING NOTES:	Learning Disability Partnership Board
DATE:	September 11, 2018 - 10.30am - 12.30pm
LOCATION:	Wesley Halls, Wesley Road, Redruth

ATTENDANCE

Name	Position	Organisation
Nuala Kiely (NK)	Partnership Boards Officer Chair	Healthwatch Cornwall (HC)
Sophie Smith	Minute Taker	HC
Gordon Christie	Advocate	Cornwall Advocacy
Richard Sharpe (RS)	Public Health	Cornwall Council
Stuart Cohen (CH)	Commissioner	Cornwall Council
Neil Oats	CHAMPs	Cornwall Council
Tracey Mitchell	CHAMPs	Cornwall Council
Anthony Dunn	CHAMPs	Cornwall Council
Shelagh Mitchell	CHAMPs manager	Cornwall Council
Ebony Rose	CHAMPs	Cornwall Council
Laura Keeper	Self Advocate	Cornwall People First
Colin Gameson	Sergeant	Diverse Communities Team, Devon and Cornwall Police
Suzanne Vixey	Service director Adult Care and Support	Cornwall Council
Suzanne Legatt	manager	Cornwall People First
Roxanne Sutherland	Outreach Worker	Cornwall People First
Fliiss Hedge	Outreach Worker	Cornwall People First
Maurice Sturmer	Forum representative	Cornwall People First
Jane Rees	LD and autism liaison	Royal Cornwall HT
Laura Truswell	Regional Project Manager	Mencap
Samuel Edwards	Interim programme director for Learning Disabilities	KCCG
Sharon Hambley	Speech and Language department	CPFT
Andrew Gray	Forum representative	Cornwall People First
John Groom	Director of Integrated	CCG
Richard Coventry	Forum representative	Cornwall People First
Chris Jordan	Parish Councillor Forum representative	Cornwall People First

Leona Thorpe	Principal SW DCTS	Cornwall Council
Tina Sandford	Team Manager	Cornwall Council
Neil Carpenter	Advocate	Cornwall Advocacy (in attendance)

APOLOGIES

Name	Organisation
Alison Kirk	Liaison nurse
Deborah Rees	CFT
Lesley Saunders	Shared Lives
Paula Volkner	CCG
CllrRotchell	Cornwall Councillors
Tasha Milton	DWP
Anne Bowlder	RCHT
Graeme Plunkett	
Phil Hoare	Fire
Cllr Kirkham	Cornwall Councillors
Elizabeth Campling	CHAMPs
Graham Wilkin	Cornwall Council
Jonathan Price	Cornwall Council

ACTION LOG:

	<u>ACTION</u>	<u>RESPONSIBLE</u>	<u>COMPLETED</u>
1c	Role description for self-advocate co-chair position to be made available prior to next meeting.	NK	
1d	Feedback from the PB working group at next meeting.	NK	
2.2 a	Discussion between First Buses and CHAMPs manager to establish why they aren't displaying stickers. Feedback to LDPB	SM liaise with EC	
2.2b	SM to give CPF more Safe Places stickers for their organisation to distribute	SM	
2.2c	Safe Places monitoring info feedback to LDPB	SM	
2.2d	Expert" in PIP and Universal Credit to be sourced for a future meeting or a joint PB event. NK to liaise with TM and look at feasibility of a joint PB event Organisations to prepare questions for future event TM	NK liaise with TM ALL	
2.2 f	Circulate a list of itemised benefit-related issues at Cornwall Advocacy and name of person at DWP it's been sent to	NC	14/9/18
2.2 g	Transport issues to be discussed at Blue Light Day planning committee.	CG SM	
2.3	Feedback around LDPB concerns about day services reduced hours and lack of information sharing to David Coleman at CC	TS	
2.4c	Easy Read version of the bus-pass renewal form to be distributed.	SC	

What was discussed?	Action
<p>Outstanding from the last meeting</p> <p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) NK opened the meeting said today would not review March’s meeting but would look ahead as the Partnership Boards (PB(s)) are reforming. b) In the future there is a wish to involve more senior council members. Councillor Rob Rotchell has identified 4 councillors who have expressed a desire to be involved in the different PBs. Councillor Jayne Kirkham has offered to join the Learning Disability PB (LDPB) and will join the meeting in December. c) We will be electing a co-chair, it will be someone with a learning disability who will co-chair with the elected officer. A role description will be put together and training offered. d) Plans for the future reform of PBs will take time. A working group is being put together to discuss the practicalities of how the new PBs will function. It will feedback to the LDPB 	<p>Role description for self-advocate co-chair position to be made available prior to next meeting NK</p> <p>Feedback from the working group at each meeting. NK</p>
<p>Presentation by Cornwall People First (please see attached presentation)</p> <p>2.1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Points: safe places stickers, people not realising ineligible for benefits, letters informing of changes aren’t easily understandable, what adjustments for people with LD to claim universal credit, delays in appeals against being turned down for PIP, lack of transport to key events from CC, have to get taxi to day centre in Bude, charges from GPs to sign bus pass forms <p>2.2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) SM - took 50 stickers to First Bus manager and have a signed receipt that they accepted them in Truro, we don’t know what has happened to them since and why they haven’t displayed them. A colleague (Elizabeth Campling) is having a meeting tomorrow with the manager and will investigate. b) CPF requested Safe Places stickers c) Safe places scheme - NK would like to know how many 	<p>SM to send results of the meeting to NK who will circulate it amongst the board</p> <p>SM to give CPF more Safe Places stickers for their organisation to distribute</p>

<p>people use it in Cornwall, SM says Cornwall Council do some monitoring, NK and JG asked if this information could be brought to the next meeting.</p> <p>d) Changing eligibility for benefits - NK relaying message from TM - circumstances changing can create difficulty when applicants become ineligible. People often don't know that vulnerable adults can request a social worker to come out and support them in their home, including filling in forms for disability benefits. PIP enquiries are not within TMs remit. NC/GC/SL all stated that advocacy and form filling is a problem as availability of these services across Cornwall have diminished. NK stated that these are all cross-partnership board issues and a joint meeting may help answer similar questions.</p> <p>e) CPF and Mencap pointed out that they didn't know this help was available. The letters that come informing people a change in circumstance made them ineligible can't be read by a lot of their service users and can be confusing. NK says TM will be at the next meeting, questions can be prepared for her in advance. Organisations would also like an expert in PIP and Universal Credit.</p> <p>f) NC has itemised list of benefit-related grievances that come to him from clients. He has sent it to representatives at DWP but no reply yet. Will circulate list and name of rep at DWP.</p> <p>g) There was a lot of concern around reduced budgets for transport and the effect they were having on people trying to get to events and day centres, particularly struggles people had to get to Blue Light Day. TS/SW discussed costs of providing transport for small numbers of individuals particularly if buses or coaches were used. It was suggested that service users and those who care for them plus day services could liaise and find ways for service users living near one another or attending the same day service to travel together. This might provide more flexibility when there are large county-wide events. CG said that the Blue Light Planning Committee could look at transport issues.</p> <p>h) SL - working towards improved transport for the county will require speaking to Rob Rotchell, maybe self-funded trips from day centres.</p> <p>2.3 NK - mentioned she had been contacted by a carer about 1. Day centre reduced hours of operating: Lyndhurst. Poor</p>	<p>SM to coordinate monitoring information feedback to LDPB</p> <p>“Expert” in PIP and Universal Credit to be sourced for a future meeting or a cross-partnership. NK to liaise with TM and look at feasibility of a joint PB event</p> <p>Organisations to prepare questions in advance for TM re. changes in circumstances making those in receipt of benefits ineligible. These will be forwarded by NK to TM</p> <p>NC to send NK for circulation a list of itemised benefit-related issues at Cornwall Advocacy and name of person at DWP it's been sent to</p> <p>CG/SM to bring transport issues to Blue Light Day planning committee.</p> <p>TS to feedback both concerns</p>
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<p>communication with families about changes. 2. Service users have communication books that carers will fill out but they aren't being filled out well and so other carers miss information.</p> <p>2.4 Bus passes -</p> <p>a) NK stressed that you do not need to go to your doctor (who will charge) to sign off your form for a bus pass. Social workers do it for free. Passes are routinely renewed for 5 years. If you don't have a dedicated social worker drop-ins can be used. Not everyone who applies gets a bus pass.</p> <p>b) RS/CJ- bus passes are often renewed for 1 or 2 years only. It should ideally be a lifelong renewal, or consistently 5 years. This would reduce the cost of renewing each time and the effort to attend any drop-ins. JG/NK Evidence is needed of how the bus pass system is working and numbers affected by the system of short renewal.</p> <p>c) NK - easy read bus pass renewal form was difficult to find online.</p>	<p>to David Coleman.</p> <p>JG to bring back more info to future PB.</p> <p>SC to send out an Easy Read version of the bus pass renewal form</p>
<p>Co-production and Engagement Presentation by Samuel Edwards, Transforming Care Project. NHS Kernow (attached)</p> <p>3.1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NK reviewed a definition of co-production produced during the Next Steps workshop in June. Listening followed by actions is essential. The boards haven't been doing as much co-production as we would like, • SE - KCCG, Cornwall Council and self-advocates and carers co-produced a service user and a carer charter. • Good examples of co-production from SH (CFT) and TS (CC), they put on an event last year and co-produced two pieces of work, one for creating Easy Read documents and one quality checking exercise for social work interventions. <p>Any other business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RS stressed the importance of proactive work and not just reactive. Actions at the end of meetings should be followed through. <p>THE LDPB WILL WORK TOWARDS CO-PRODUCTION AT OUR MEETINGS SMALLER WORKING GROUPS TO BE SET UP TO ACTION CHANGES WHEN APPROPRIATE.</p>	

Concluding remarks	
<p>4.1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NK - There is a cross Partnership Board event on Continuing Health Care on 18 October at Epiphany House. Places are limited and should be booked with NK. Questions in advance will be useful. Service users and carers will take places in advance of professionals. There are forms for self-advocates and carers to fill in which will help with the PB changes. Details will include where people live, what PB they want to be involved with and what information they would like to receive. <p>4.2 Date of next meeting 11th December, Wesley Halls, Redruth 10am refreshments. Meeting 10.30-12.30am</p>	

NEXT MEETING	18 th December
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LOCATION	Redruth

