

Stoke-on-Trent Learning Disability Partnership Board



Notes of the meeting held on 19 October 2016

People at the meeting

Amanda Allcock – Strategic Manager for Learning Disability Services, Stoke-on-Trent City Council (Chair)

Andrew Garvey - Reach facilitator

Ann James - Stoke-on-Trent Councillor, Cabinet member for Health and Social Care

Carl West – Reach MP

Chas Warren – Job Coach, Landau

Cheryl Ashman – Day Opportunities Manager, Stoke-on-Trent City Council

Jane Turner – Senior Manager for Housing, Brighter Futures

Lisa Quinn – Partnership & Planning Assistant, Stoke-on-Trent City Council (notes)

Margaret Mason - Reach MP (Co-chair)

Michelle Green – Reach MP

Patsy Corcoran – Reach co-ordinator

Ruth Walker – Reach MP

People who couldn't come to the meeting

Alastair Forrester - North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare

Amanda Hadfield – Commissioning Manager, Stoke-on-Trent City Council

Carolyn Higgs – Strategic Manager, Lifecourse Commissioning, Stoke-on-Trent City Council
(Chair)

Chris Herbert – Development Director, Brighter Futures

Daniel Powner – Learning Disability Team Manager, Stoke-on-Trent City Council

Debbie Cooper – Senior Commissioning Officer, Stoke-on-Trent City Council

Jane Dunn – Landau

Jane Tipping - Stoke-on-Trent CCG

Janet Beech – Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Partnership

Janice Johnson – University Hospital North Midlands

Kevin Day – Joint Commissioning Manager, Stoke-on-Trent City Council

Loleita Higgins – Public Protection Co-ordinator for Hate Crime, Staffordshire Police

Mark Evans - Reach facilitator

Rob Bowler – Housing Enabling Officer, Stoke-on-Trent City Council

Dr Waheed Abbasi - CCG Clinical Lead



Welcome and apologies

- Everyone said hello and introduced themselves.
- Apologies were noted.



Notes from the last meeting

Kevin to email board members about an independent chairperson. This is an outstanding action.

Gill O'Hare will give an update on integration later in the meeting.

Self Assessment framework – no update.

No one with a learning disability attends the Health and Wellbeing Board. Amanda said that we could ask Richard Skellern if someone with a learning disability could attend the Adults Strategic Partnership Board meetings.

Patsy said that someone with a learning disability had attended a senior meeting before but there was too much paperwork. It was agreed to invite someone from the Health and Wellbeing board to attend this meeting instead.

Patsy said that the Transforming Care Board is across Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent. The Clinical Commissioning Groups are involved. Patsy has been to a couple of the Transforming Care Board meetings. She has got a meeting with the project lead this week. Hopefully they will have a plan to involve people.

Amanda said that there have been some changes in the council so transforming care will now be led by Sharon Taaffe.

Councillor James said that Sharon Taaffe is taking over the learning disabilities area. Bridget Cameron is taking over the Adults area. Councillor James said that Amanda, Bridget, Sharon and herself need to meet to decide who is leading in the different areas.

ACTION – Amanda, Ann, Bridget and Sharon need to get together to discuss this further.

Amanda told everyone that The Meadows is looking really good. Cheryl said that they are behind a bit as extra work has been asked to be done. The outside space gives more options for people. The open event will be after Christmas.

Councillor James pointed out that anything needed for the budget needs to be submitted now.

1 Mate and Hate Crime – Hate Crime Action Plan



Andrew said that the Hate Crime Action Plan will be put into an accessible format and will be discussed at the next Reach Parliament meeting.

Cheryl asked if anyone around the table has any contacts with some of the providers listed on the action plan that we can make a link with and ask for contributions.

ACTION - Carl will contact Sue Reid at Keele University and email it to her. Cheryl will contact Penny Vincent at Staffordshire University. Amanda will email the Strategic Managers and Dave Perrett and ask them to contribute and share with partner organisations. Councillor James asked to be included in the email.

Councillor James said that Julie Obada and Dave Perrett will know the contact details of all the people in colleges and universities to contact.

ACTION – Councillor James will send it to all other councillors through member services.

Jane asked about what we are trying to achieve. Amanda said that we could include some context on the plan to explain this. The Action plan is being done to try to increase reporting and increase someone's safety.

ACTION - Amanda will ask Loleita what will happen to the Action Plan once it is done.

Cheryl said that Loleita wanted it to be completed so that she can take it back and share with the police. It could also be shared with the Safeguarding Board. Cheryl said that we need to speak to Sharon Taaffe to find out where Public Health comes into it.

It was agreed at the Learning Disability Partnership Board meeting held on 7 March 2016 that a Hate Crime Action Plan would be created.

2 Carers Issues – The Carers Hub



No-one attended to give an update. Phil Webb from the Carers Hub was invited.

ACTION - Amanda will contact Phil Webb and ask him to attend the next meeting or provide an update to share with everyone.

Councillor James said that we could make a list of any issues we want bringing up so that we can talk through it and speak about any problems we have got. Assistant Directors could be invited and ask them about this. Amanda said that the Carers Hub should be bringing any issues to us.

Cheryl has got a meeting with Heather Morris from Mencap next month to discuss the provider perspective. A report is being taken from the CareFirst system on how many carers we have who are 55 or over so that we can make sure that they are on Heather's lists.

Councillor James asked if anyone had been to Hazel Trees. Amanda said that the lead for transition does go to Hazel Trees. Councillor James said that people could arrange to go and see it by contacting Anthony Wild. She said that it would be interesting to see what is going on in Learning Disability services for the whole of the council.

3 Reach reports



Andrew said that they have had three Parliament meetings since the last partnership board.

Carl read through the Reach update report.

At the 8 August meeting the priorities for health and wellbeing were discussed. Reach members thought it was really positive that they were included in the consultation.

At the 12 September meeting they talked about the end of the self-advocacy project in Staffordshire. The final decision was for Staffordshire to cut the funding. The whole self-advocacy service in Staffordshire is going. People were worried about funding cuts in Stoke. Patsy said that they do link in with the regional forum and it is bad news for self-advocacy across the country. Everyone is concerned that people with learning disabilities are being forgotten. It is going to be discussed at the regional meeting. People need to remember how important self-advocacy is. Amanda said that there will be an impact on services provided by Stoke because people cannot get a service in Staffordshire.

Councillor James said that organisations need to start looking at other funding such as lottery funding. The government is cutting local authorities budgets. Patsy said that Reach do look and apply for other funding.

Work is going on in the background to encourage employers to employ people with learning disabilities.

At the 10 October meeting Reach members talked about trying different ways to provide reports and letters in an accessible format. Andrew said that they got some useful information out of that meeting. People were very clear about what was useful and what was not. Patsy said that they may be looking at developing a training course that could be delivered to people for a charge.

Patsy said that they link in with the Staffordshire and Stoke health literacy groups. People prefer to use the term 'clear information' not 'easy read'. Every organisation is working hard to make information as clear as possible. Councillor James said that there is an officer from Public Health working in Planning now.

Patsy told everyone that Asist have won their first national advocacy awards at a national event. People who attended really value advocacy. Asist won the Best contribution to Equality and Diversity award.

On the 6 October Andrew went to Portland House to speak to the advocacy group. They had nothing negative to say as they were really pleased with the support they get. People really value the service they get from Portland House. Cheryl said that she will pass this on to the team at Portland House.

Amanda talked about the impact of bedroom tax after reading a journal about it. There are worrying statistics about the amount of people with a disability affected by the bedroom tax. It is having an impact on people skipping meals, using foodbanks, not being able to afford extra money each week for bills, health as they are not putting the heating on, asthma and chest complaints. Amanda is working to identify any gaps in the impact to people and on the council regarding budget reforms. Amanda said that we need to understand the scale of impact and then identify what we can do about it.

Patsy asked if the journal could be shared with the minutes.

ACTION - Amanda said that she will provide the link to send out with the minutes.

Jane said that Brighter Futures have been doing a lot of work around benefits. People are being moved from DLA to PIP. It appears that a lot of assessments are not being done very well with people with learning disabilities. 95% of cases that appeal are successful. The initial assessment is not good but the appeals panel take in more information specific to learning disabilities. Councillor James said that we need to get the message out to encourage people to appeal.

Ruth said that she has got a mobility car but she might have it taken off her. A form has got to be filled in and sent back. Disability Solutions are going to support her with filling the forms in.

Amanda said she has not got the statistics yet about welfare reform. Councillor James said that Gary Hall in Housing can help.

Jane told everyone about the Wider Welfare Reform Group. It was agreed that

we should ask Laura Hewitt for the notes of the last meeting and who attends.

ACTION – Lisa will ask Laura for the notes of the last meeting.

There has been a report done nationally by Christina Beattie detailing what difference it is making to different groups of people.

Amanda said that there is more work to do to understand the impact of welfare reform and we need to look at the impacts on different cohorts of people. Councillor James said that Gary Hall could help with this.

Patsy said that the Board could do something as there are questions that we want answering.

Councillor James said that she has got a housing meeting to attend this afternoon and she will mention it to Carl Brazier, Director of Housing and Customer Services. The Tenancy Agreement strategy is also going out for consultation soon.

Reach members, John and Margaret, are going to the Community conversation event tomorrow.

4 Integration

Gill O'Hare the Integration Commissioning Officer gave an update to the group. Gill is working on the Integration report for learning disabilities looking at where there is duplication and where we can work better with partners.

Amanda said that they have held workshops with parent carers, individuals and front line staff to discuss integrated working. The ten most important areas were identified and then became smaller workshops on their own led by senior managers.

The areas are:

- Co-location
- Transition
- Training and education
- Buildings and assets
- The model including who do we work with, when, how, why and identifying if this is changing

- Finance - money
- Workforce – internal and external
- The market – who provides what for who
- Services – what we provide and who we provide it to. Is there something else or different that we should be providing?

The first Integrated provider forum is being held on 31 October. Jane said that she had not been invited. Amanda said that everyone has been invited and everyone is welcome to come. Carl asked if someone with a learning disability had been invited too. Amanda said that they will be.

Carl said that there are problems with social care. If you have not got a Social Worker you have to go through the contact centre to ask for support from the Community Living Team. It took six weeks to get someone to meet him at an appointment with the job centre.

Patsy asked if it is going to be a clear information report. Amanda said that the overview report will be talking through what has been done. The detail will need to be in bigger report for the organisations to look at. The report will let everyone know what has been done so far and ask if they are happy that we are on the right track so we can continue with the work.

Patsy said it would be good to look at this information as a group.

Amanda said they asked three questions - What works well now, what is not so good and what would the perfect integrated model look like. Things will only be changed if it has a benefit to the person, carers and frontline staff.

Chas said that he would also like to go along to the Integrated provider forum.

Anything else

Chas gave out information about courses they are providing.

Councillor James told everyone that the Staffordshire Transformation Partnership is submitting a plan on 31 October to NHS England which means that health provision will be changed in Stoke-on-Trent. It is a very important document that will have a large impact on health provision in Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire. It will include details on how many CCG's (Clinical Commissioning Groups) we will have, how health and social care work together, hospital provision and community provision. Councillor James asked everyone to try and have a look at it and reply to it.

Future agenda topics

- Older Parent Carers
- Health service updates including Healthwatch
- Welfare Reform

If you have any more ideas please let us know. Please send any ideas to be included to Lisa (lisa.quinn@stoke.gov.uk).

Next meeting

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