

Stoke-on-Trent Learning Disability Partnership Board



Notes of the meeting held on 7 March 2016

People at the meeting

Amanda Allcock - Stoke-on-Trent City Council / People (Chair)

Margaret Mason - Reach MP (Co-chair)

Michelle - Reach MP & support worker, Debbie

Patsy Corcoran – Reach

Andrew Garvey - Reach facilitator

Chris Herbert – Brighter Futures

Cheryl Ashman - Stoke-on-Trent City Council / People

Debbie Cooper - Stoke-on-Trent City Council / People

Loleita Higgins - Staffordshire Police

Jason Worgan – Reach MP

Mark Evans - Reach facilitator

Lisa Quinn - Stoke-on-Trent City Council / People (notes)

People who couldn't come to the meeting

Kevin Day - Stoke-on-Trent City Council / People (Chair)

Carolyn Higgs - Stoke-on-Trent City Council / People

Kerry Summerfield - Stoke-on-Trent City Council / People

Alastair Forrester - North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare

Jane Tipping - Stoke-on-Trent CCG

Amanda Hadfield - Stoke-on-Trent City Council / People

Dr Waheed Abbasi - CCG Clinical Lead

Ann James - Stoke-on-Trent Councillor

Mark Cozens - Stoke-on-Trent City Council / People

Janet Beech – Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Partnership

Heather Morris – Mencap

Daniel Powner - Stoke-on-Trent City Council / People

Louise Quinn – Stoke-on-Trent City Council / Resources

Janice Johnson – University Hospital North Midlands



Welcome and apologies

- We all said hello



Notes from the last meeting

Kevin to update the board members on email regarding the independent co-chair.

It was agreed that the board will meet at Riverside every 3 months.

Self-assessment framework - Debbie has not been asked to complete one yet. This can be discussed at the next meeting.

Care and treatment reviews – Patsy has discussed the recommendations with Kevin Day and discussed the need for more regular care and treatment reviews. An idea suggested was that care and treatment review team photos could be taken and the photo included on a letter to the person before meeting them.

Amanda said that there is still a lot of talk about CPA. Staffordshire are going to be putting on some workshops to give an idea of what a good CPA will look like. Training provided will not be on the technical parts but the values that underpin a good CPA.

Health facilitation – people still need to refer in to Combined Healthcare for now until a new service provider is found.

1 Business

Independent co-chair



Kevin to update the board members on email.

2 Mate and Hate Crime



Andrew and Mark went through some comments received from Reach members.

- Make information about hate crime available in lots of different formats – audio, easy read, on the internet, posters in the community.

Members were not sure who they need to speak to to get this actioned. Mark said that Mate and Hate Crime is talked about a lot but he is only aware of one person who has gone through it but it is on people's minds all the time. The number of reported cases is not that high.

Amanda will write to Kerry Madden, Julie from Co-operative working and Judy Kurth with the report and ask them for ideas on how to get more information out about this. Cheryl asked whether we have got this information available in different formats. A while ago something was done for Challenge North Staffs. Cheryl asked whether information could go on to the Equal People website. Mark said that only a few Reach members use the internet and mainly for Facebook but the Reach Facebook page could be used more to get the information out. The Council's Facebook page could also be used, Cheryl will contact the Communications Team.

Loleita asked whether we will be looking at creating information or using existing information. Andrew said that we will use existing information.

Challenge North Staffs do presentations around Hate Crime and if there is a group that needs the input they would be prepared to go and present there.

Andrew said that we can get in touch with them.

Cheryl said that any concerns made to the Able project about hate crime get referred to the safeguarding team and information has been provided through Challenge North Staffs. Cheryl said that this could be included as a Hot Topic in the coffee mornings being set up.

Loleita gave some figures on hate crime. Between April 2015 and January 2016, 135 incidents of disability hate crime were reported to the police.

For the same time period (April 2015 to January 2016):

Staffordshire Moorlands had 10 incidents reported (had 4 the previous year).

The Newcastle area had 12 incidents reported (had 3 the previous year).

Stoke-on-Trent North had 5 incidents reported (had 10 the previous year).

Stoke-on-Trent Central had 10 incidents reported (had 6 the previous year).

Stoke-on-Trent South had 19 incidents (had 5 the previous year).

Patsy asked whether the figures were only for people with learning disabilities or disabilities in general. Loleita said that the figures are for disability in general but work can be done to look further into learning disability specific hate crime.

PCSO's are working to build up relationships with people. The Able project has an open invitation for them to drop in and have a coffee.

Loleita will take members comments back to try to address the concerns raised.

Another comment from a Reach member was:

- I went out at night and someone took my wallet. A police officer told me I shouldn't be out at night because I've got a learning disability.

Andrew said that this person was from Tamworth and they did not want to make a formal complaint. Andrew asked if Loleita would also take that comment back to address as the person is now worried about contacting the police. Andrew will try to get more details and work with Loleita to address this. Cheryl said that the Community Development Workers have done learning disability awareness training with the police. It could be discussed at the Regional Networks meetings.

Cheryl told everyone that the Mask Group had done a piece of work in partnership with Choices about what abuse looks like and a DVD was made. Provider services are looking at how this resource can be turned into an information giving course so we can work with people with learning disabilities to raise their awareness of what abuse looks like.

Patsy said that there is a lot of information but it is not in one place. It is hard for people to feel confident and understand if they are treated badly what to do about it. Amanda said that we need to get a plan and send it to the new hate crime representative in police.

Cheryl said that she has got a plan template that can be used. Cheryl will send this to Lisa to send out to everyone. If needed, a separate meeting can be arranged to talk about the plan.

3 Carers Issues



Cheryl will speak to Heather Morris for an update on this. Debbie said that a carers forum was raised in the consultation feedback. Debbie has met with Phil Webb at the Carers Hub and he is going to put some information together for something across Stoke-on-Trent. Letters are going to be sent out in the next couple of weeks. Amanda said that she had met with some carers at Waterside a few months ago and the discussions were fed into the consultation.

The Carers Hub is provided by PeoplePlus. Debbie said that older carers is an issue that has been raised and Phil was meeting with Heather to pull elements together. Waterside has been put forward as the venue for the carers forum but the Meadows could also be used in the future.

4 Reach reports



Mark said that at the last Parliament meeting details were provided about the Transforming Care Partnership Board.

Mark went to the last meeting and will be part of this board in the future.

Consultation: Partnership Plans 2016-2020.

Amanda had noticed that there was no profile for learning disabilities included in the plans. Reach had to do a lot of work very quickly to write a feedback report within the deadline. The report is available on the Reach website.

Amanda said that the report has gone down really well. The feedback included comments that not much was included in the plans about learning disabilities.

Debbie said that based on the feedback some learning disability areas have now

been included in the report. The accessible element was raised and is now being picked up and discussions are taking place to work out how accessible versions can be provided earlier. Mark said that it is good to hear feedback on the report.

Event Action Planning Training feedback.

This was a 12 week course that Margaret attended. Margaret provided feedback on this training.

The idea was to plan events across the city to provide opportunities for adults with learning disabilities to maintain old friendships and create new ones. At the end of the course a coffee morning was arranged so everyone could talk about their ideas. People at the coffee morning would then get the chance to vote for the idea they liked the best.

Idea 1 – One Big Summer Event got 6 votes

Idea 2 – Free Coffee Morning Event got 16 votes

Idea 3 – Christmas Coffee Morning and Fundraising Event got 9 votes.

Margaret asked “where can our group get the support we need to continue this work?”

Cheryl said that the issue was raised by people with learning disabilities who miss seeing people they used to see in services. The course was set up to develop skills to plan events and carers, people with learning disabilities and volunteers were invited to take part as we wanted to include people with different skills. Unfortunately carers or volunteers from the 1000 lives network did not attend. The idea was for the group to create their own support but only people with learning disabilities attended. The free coffee morning events got the most votes. For now the provider services venues will be used and each one has agreed to host a coffee morning. The first one is planned for April. Each person who attended the course will support the coffee morning in their particular area.

Patsy said that she went to the Assistant Directors regional meeting in Birmingham where Asset Based Community Development was discussed. Christine Whitehead talked about what was happening in Stoke, she talked about strong communities.

Patsy said that people want friendship groups and although this does come down to support and money maybe this is something that they could meet up to discuss. Patsy said that social enterprise funding is also available and could be looked into. Christine had shared what is already being done in Stoke and was keen to meet with Patsy to discuss further. Patsy and Christine talked about arranging a meeting with Cheryl Ashman, Christine Whitehead and

Amanda Allcock.

Patsy will write to Amanda to suggest a meeting and Amanda will send it on to Christine and then set up a meeting to discuss this further.

Mark said that this has been discussed at lot and can be linked into the Care Act.

5 Day Service update (statistics)



Cheryl talked about learning disabilities provider services and activities provided in each service.

- Portland House supports 23 people each week, has 20 staff and supports community and complex needs.
- The Meadows is a short break service which can offer 3650 nights plus 750 emergency nights. Last year 3178 nights were given to people (not necessarily used but were given to people), 2629 nights were used last year.
- St Johns supports 24 people each week, has 8 staff and supports people accessing the community.
- Duke St supports 26 people each week, has 8 staff and offers community support.
- Waterside supports 62 pepople each week, has 49 staff and has a sensory focus.
- Able project is a drop-in service which provides courses about health, safety and wellbeing and has 2 full time staff.
- School St is where two brothers live in their own home and staff from the council support them.
- Riverside is an employment training service that supports 124 paid hours per week and 158 voluntary hours per week and has 11 staff.

Cheryl will send the presentation to Lisa to send out to everyone.

Margaret and Cheryl have been working together on making people have a

stronger voice in learning disability services. They have come up with a plan on how they are going to do it. Staff champions will be chosen from each of the services who are keen to get a formal way to involve people and listen to people better. Reach have shared their ideas with them on how to do this. Cheryl and Margaret are going to visit each provider service this week to talk to people and to form a focus group. They will make sure that group meetings happen at each of the services and hot topics can be raised and discussed in the meetings. These will then be fed back into the focus group and will feed into the Reach meetings. Individuals will be chosen to come and feed into this board. Five training days have been bought from Revolution Earth to provide training to staff and service champions to give them the skills to enable them to assist with the group meetings. Voting will take place if more than two people want to represent their group.

6 Consultation: Partnership Plans 2016-20

Discussed in item 4.

7 Integration update

Amanda said that we are going to ask people what they think.

Should we integrate?

What are the benefits of integration?

What would an integrated model look like?

8 Future meeting dates

Due to this meeting being re-scheduled from January the next meeting is closer than usual. The next meeting date is set for 25 April 2016 and then 19 July 2016. Lisa asked members whether they would like to:

- keep the dates as scheduled or
- cancel the meeting set for 25 April and meet on 19 July as planned.

Amanda asked Lisa to send an email to people and ask them what they would prefer to do. The meeting on 25 April could be used to discuss a specific item if preferred.

9 Future agenda topics

- Older parent carers
- Health service updates – including Healthwatch
- Reach Parliament update
- College courses – Kerry Summerfield

If you have any more ideas please let us know.

It has been agreed that the board should set the agenda, not the Chairs.
Please send any ideas to be included to Lisa (lisa.quinn@stoke.gov.uk).

Anything else

Patsy asked about the Autism Partnership Board. Debbie said that Staffordshire had joined up their Learning Disability Partnership Board and Autism Partnership Board. Debbie still attends this meeting and will provide updates. It was noted that we do need a local strategy and action plan. Dawn Cliff will be leading on this. We need to decide whether we make this meeting an Autism and Learning Disability Partnership Board meeting, although some people think it should be kept separate. It would be good to have a person from the Learning Disability Partnership Board to go to the Autism Partnership Board.

Patsy asked for the action plan when completed. Debbie suggested that Patsy should email her and then she will pass the request on to Dawn.

Next meeting



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Tuesday 19 July 2016



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