

Stoke-on-Trent Learning Disability Partnership Board



Notes of the meeting held on 30 January 2017

People at the meeting

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

Andrew Garvey - Reach facilitator

Carl West – Reach MP

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

John Mawman – Reach MP

Kevin Day – Commissioning Manager, Stoke-on-Trent City Council (Chair)

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

Lynn Mawman – Reach MP

Margaret Mason - Reach MP (Co-chair)

Mark Evans - Reach facilitator

People who couldn't come to the meeting

Alastair Forrester - North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare

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

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

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

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

Heather Morris – Mencap

Jane Dunn – Landau

Janice Johnson – University Hospital North Midlands

Janet Beech – Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Partnership

Jen Lomas – Senior Education Improvement Advisor

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

Marie Smith – Senior Manager for Housing, Brighter Futures

Mark Cozens – Team Manager, Learning Disabilities / Transitions

Patsy Corcoran – Reach co-ordinator

Sally Reston – Community Social Care Manager

Dr Waheed Abbasi - CCG Clinical Lead



Welcome and apologies

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

Amanda told everyone that she is the Strategic Manager for Learning Disability Services and is also the Principal Social Worker. Amanda explained that the recommendations from the Munro report, which looked into child deaths, said that every local authority should have a Principal Social Worker for children's services and one for adults' services. Tracy Ellison is the Principal Social Worker in children's services.

World Social Work day is on March 21st and the focus is on community and environmental sustainability. An event will take place in the Kings Hall in Stoke.

Kevin noted that not many people had come to the meeting today and said that we need to remind people about the importance of the Learning Disability Partnership Board. It was agreed that a reminder will be sent out to people about the importance of this meeting. Cheryl said that the email should be sent to the people who haven't attended the last two meetings.



Notes from the last meeting

Page 5 – Action - Lisa to contact the Carers Hub to find out who is the right person to invite as Phil Webb has now left.

Page 7 – Mark and Andrew went to Portland House on 6 October.

The notes of the last meeting were agreed.

1 Mate and Hate Crime – Hate Crime Action Plan



Andrew said that the Reach Parliament members want them to make sure that they are inviting police officers to the parliament meetings. They also said that they would like a leaflet putting together about Hate Crime. People are being signposted to Challenge North Staffs.

To find out more information to add to the Hate Crime Action Plan:

- Cheryl will contact Penny Vincent at Staffordshire University.
- Amanda will contact Dave Perrett about colleges and schools.
- Carl will contact Sue Reid at Keele University.
- Kevin will contact Loleita Higgins from Staffordshire Police.
- Amanda will contact Alastair Forrester at Combined Healthcare.

Action: Lisa will update the action plan with the above details and send out to the Learning Disability Partnership Board members.

Cheryl said that they have one copy of the 'In Safe Hands' toolkit developed by Choices for all the services. Kevin said that we will try to get the video seen by a few more people. We will look at the international awareness calendar to try and sort something out to tie in with this. Amanda said that we could plan some awareness events and sessions.

Cheryl pointed out that National Hate Crime Awareness week is in October.

2 Carers Issues



Kevin pointed out that there is no representative from any carers' organisations here today to discuss any issues further.

Amanda said that she is doing some work with the team on older carers which is a priority area this year. The performance team are looking at carers over certain age bandings. They will find out if there are any gaps and whether anything needs to be done differently to support people to care for longer.

Action: Kevin will discuss this with Heather from Mencap to find out what older carers need to be able to care for longer. We will try to identify who those people might be so plans can be drawn up on how we can support them.

Regular meetings are happening with housing about how we can support people to stay at home for longer.

John & Lynn spoke about their move into Willow Barns. The care package has been taken off John. It is mainly elderly people living in Willow Barns. If they have a fall the carer cannot pick them up and the paramedics have to be called out. John said that from next year the person who has had a fall will be charged £60 if the paramedic is called out.

Carl said that if you have no current social worker you have to go through the contact centre. It can take about 9-12 weeks to get a social worker, which is too long.

Amanda said that it might be a good idea for someone from Extra Care to go to the next parliament meeting to talk about Extra Care facilities. Stacey Larkin and Amanda Moxon could be invited to attend.

Kevin and Amanda are going to see Oak Priory in Abbey Hulton next week to see if something specific to learning disabilities could be offered.

Mark will put together some case studies based on people's experiences. It is important to look at the positives as well as some of the tricky areas.

3 Reach Parliament update/reports



Reach work update

The Reach Parliament had a meeting on 23rd January. The update paper was shared with the group.

Mark has been putting the 'Improving Lives' consultation paper into a clear information format and said that he has got the paper down to 4 pages now.

Mark is going to support people to go through the easy read version of the Accessible Information Standard Review paper.

My Care, My Way consultation

The Reach Focus Group Report was shared with the group.

A meeting will be held with Anna Collins to find out how we can consult properly with Reach MP's and to find out how we can work together. Amanda said that it would be really good if they could get involved to talk about the Sustainability and Transformation plan (STP).

Reach Parliament meeting dates have been circulated and the meetings are open to guests. They are only two hours long now. People are welcome to contact them to go along and talk about things that are happening.

Kevin and Amanda offered to go along if more information is needed in certain areas. Carl said that the meetings have been opened up to the Reach group and not just the Parliament members.

Action: Cheryl said that she will send out the invite to the service managers. She will ask them to make sure that Reach members are invited to their meetings too.

4 Health & Wellbeing Strategy – draft clear information summary for feedback



Mark has spoken to Reach members and went through the summary with them. The overall feedback is that it is still not clear enough. The wording needs to be bigger and there needs to be more pictures. Some sections have a lot of words and few

pictures. The wording needs breaking down or more explanation given. Reach members did not like the appendix at the back of the summary. They would like to have the explanation next to the word or at the bottom of the same page. Some of the sections are confusing. **Action: Mark will send feedback direct to Richard Skellern.**

The group members thought that it was a good start and was a good attempt at trying to explain something that is difficult to explain.

Mark pointed out that the Reach Parliament holds a good position to be able to offer advice on the accessible information standard and to gain feedback.

Anything else



Carl talked about the MY Theatre and Film company. The Mitchell and Young Theatre company are looking for new members. They meet on Wednesday afternoons 1 – 4pm at Fenton Community Centre.

There are no costs involved at the moment. They are looking to get funding. They have tried to get some through the lottery but they have said no. It costs £15 a week for wages and the hire of the theatre community hall. Carl asked if some learning disability funding could be provided. Kevin said that the quick answer is no, as the council need to prioritise spending. It is not the type of thing that the council give grants for anymore. The council can offer advice now rather than funding.

Cheryl pointed out that a lot of people make wills or grants to organisations and groups like this. Grant Finder might help. Amanda said that as some of the costs are related to the venue we could look for any venues that are cheaper.

Action: Cheryl will discuss this with Kerry and Tracy (Community Development Workers). Mark suggested that Carl could also speak to Patsy Corcoran as she might know someone who can help with this as she is working on the City of Culture bid.



Learning Disability Awareness week is 19th – 25th June this year. The theme is Friendships and Relationships.

The next Learning Disability Partnership meeting is in April so it was agreed that this will need to be talked about outside of this

board. **Action: Lisa will email to ask people to volunteer to put something together for Learning Disability Awareness week.**

Future agenda topics

It was agreed that Mark will invite someone from the Department of Work and Pensions to the next parliament meeting to talk about welfare reform. Reach can then provide feedback.

It was agreed that Transforming Care should be added to the agenda for the next meeting. Kevin can give an update on this. Mark will speak to Anthony and Paul to provide an update on where Reach is with this.

- Transforming Care
- Older Parent Carers
- Health service updates including Healthwatch

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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Monday 10 April 2017



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