



Kent Learning Disability Partnership Board Minutes

Date: Thursday 7 September 2023

Location: This meeting was held virtually via Zoom

Who was there?

Attendees:

Daniel Hewitt - Joint Co-Chair of the Kent LD Partnership Board

Alyson Wagget - KCC, Assistant Director, Social Care and Health (East)
Thanet and South Kent Coast

Chelsea Roberts - KCC, Stakeholder Engagement Support Officer (minutes)

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Who was there? (Continued)

Attendees:

Charlie Clay – Bemix, co-production lead

Cheryll Champion – LDC Care Co, Quality and Compliance Manager

Chris Evans – Parent Carer

Elle Meehan – KCC, Community Team Manager, Adult Social Care

Ian Brandon - Kent and Medway ICB, Assistant Director of Nursing & Quality

James Harman – Medway Council, Head of Children’s Services Commissioning

Jimmy Kerrigan – Kent and Medway ICB, Associate Director for Learning Disability and Autism

Linda Chapman – Parent carer

Lisa Clinton – KCC, Stakeholder Engagement Manager

Marie Hackshall – Kent and Medway, System Programme Lead – Learning Disability, Autism and ADHD

Michael Lillis - Self Advocate, Bemix

Nick Jones – Medway Council, Programme Lead, Learning Disability, Autism and Transitions

Sammy Lamb - Self Advocate, Bemix

Steve Chapman – Self Advocate, Bemix

Toni Easdown – KCC, Stakeholder Engagement Officer

Trevor Cave - Self Advocate, Bemix

Trevor Chapman – Parent Carer

Vanessa Cowley – Self Advocate, East Kent Mencap

Welcome

Welcome from Daniel Hewitt, the joint co-chair of the Partnership Board

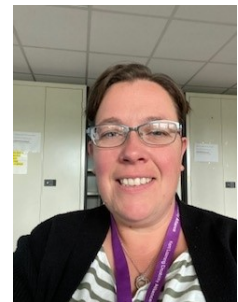


Daniel welcomed everyone. Daniel/Toni went through the housekeeping rules.

Welcome and update from Alyson Wagget, Assistant Director, Social Care & Health, (East) Thanet and South Kent Coast

Alyson provided an update on direct payments and the Community teams across Adult Social Care.

There are 24 established Community teams, looking at how people can access direct payments and looking at other things you can buy.



All Age Learning and Autism Strategy and workshop

Marie Hackshall to provide an update and how the Board can get involved

The key priority for the next 3 to 6 months is to develop the Kent and Medway Learning Disability and Autism Strategy, so this in place for 2024/25 onwards.



The planned actions are:

- **COMPLETED Learning Disability & Autism Delivery Partnership workstream leads and Learning Disability Partnership Board members to meet on 7 September.**

All Age Learning and Autism Strategy and workshop

- To update members of Transforming Neurodiversity Support (TNS) Board via newsletter in October and meet with them in January 24
- To hold a workshop in November 2023 facilitated by Learning Disability England and (hopefully) Autism Alliance 
- Communication and Engagement plan being developed – with wider public involvement – Marie has spoken to a company called Blue Lozenge (awaiting costings)
- To consult with people on the draft strategy from January 2024 onwards
- To have final strategy approved and shared in April 2024.

Action: If members want to be involved in developing the Learning Disability & Autism Strategy or attend the workshop in November (date to be confirmed), to let Chelsea know.



Action: Members to send details of any community groups or people who want to be involved in developing the Learning Disability & Autism Strategy, to let Chelsea know.

COMPLETED action: Chelsea to share the updated visual diagram for Learning Disability, Autism & Neurodiversity programme with board members.

Learning Disability Partnership Board reset—co-chair update

Lisa Clinton to provide an update and get people's views

Lisa talked about the way forward for the board and what members would like to see, as well as how we include Medway.

Looked at the roles together with board members, started to draft an advert and outline of the role for the co-chair position of this board.



The aim is to be an advert for the co-chair of the Learning Disability Partnership board, want to get as many people involved as possible.

Looking into how we make sure people are rewarded for their time, discussions on how we do that together with the NHS, KCC and Medway council, sharing the money is available.

Suggestions from board members:

- Need strong people who understand governance
- Job description needs to be co-produced
- People with the right experience and skills to be considered as co-chair



Action: Chelsea to send the expression of interest for the co-chair role for the Learning Disability Partnership board to members. Everyone to come back to Chelsea with feedback.

Action: Members who would like to be involved in the co-producing of the expression of interest for the Learning Disability Partnership board co-chair, to let Chelsea know.

Learning Disability Partnership Board reset - website development

Paul Jerome to provide an update on progress

We have started building the new website based on what Partnership Board members and other people said should be included.



The new website will be part of a bigger website called Kent Connect to Support. It will have its own page and identity.

There will be meeting notes, dates and everything you need and it will have links to lots of useful easy read information.

When the website is build, it will be shared with the board.

Action: The new Learning Disability Partnership board test website to be shared with members, all to feedback to Chelsea.



COMPLETED action: The Kent Connect to Support website link to be shared with members and all to send feedback to Chelsea.

Learning Disability Partnership Board reset - the workplan

Marie Hackshall and leads from the Learning Disability and Autism Programme to provide an update to the Board and get people's views on how to get involved

Co-production, and Communication workstream

This group is setting up meaningful ways for people to have their voices heard and work closely with staff in the NHS and councils to make more shared decisions.

Learning Disability Partnership Board reset - the workplan (continued)

System Development workstream

This group helps to make sure that the NHS, councils and support organisations are working together in a joined-up way to help people's lives.

The word 'System' means all the people working in health and social care in Kent and Medway.

Improving Health workstream

Helping more people to get the support they need to stay well and understand how to look after their own health.



The group is working to make sure that GPs have more people recorded on their Learning Disability registers and that more people get their important annual health check and have a health action plan.

The group is also working on stopping people being given medication when it is not needed and adding a '**flag**' to NHS records so staff know how to support people at appointments.

Housing and Accommodation workstream

The '**Homes not Hospitals**' work is part of this workstream.

The aim is to make better options for people that go to hospital.

Making sure that they do not have to go too far from home and can come back home quickly.

The group wants to understand what people will need across Kent in the future to make sure that organisations and district and borough councils offer the right homes.



Learning Disability Partnership Board reset - the workplan (continued)

Improving Quality (making things better)

The group is making sure that the 'Learning Disability Improvement Standard' is being followed which aims for better support in the future.

This includes making sure that Care, Education and Treatment reviews are done together with people and that LeDeR reviews are done as soon as possible.



Skilled Workforce

This group is there to help make sure that all NHS, councils and other support staff fully understand the needs of people who have learning disabilities or autistic people, and use their skills to support people.

The group will agree a plan for how all staff in Kent and Medway can do this.

The group is also looking at how we have more paid jobs for people with learning disability and autistic people.



Autism and ADHD (Neurodiversity) Community Support

This group is working towards better support for autistic and neurodivergent people and having shorter waiting times for support.

It aims to make it easier for people to be diagnosed and be able to have the same opportunities as people who are neurotypical.

Children and Young People

The group is making sure that 14–25-year-olds and children with a learning disability or who are autistic, have better support and access to keyworkers.



Learning Disability Partnership Board reset - the workplan (continued)

The group wants to make young people's voices heard and be a bigger part of the Learning Disability Partnership Board.

Action: Workstreams – all to send details of community groups and people that want to get involved in the workstreams to Chelsea.

Any other business

Action: Carers support / Kent Carers forum update to be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Action: An update from Tracey Hays on the Walmer center / Meadowside to be shared at the next meeting.

Action: Marie to confirm how many people are in Care and Treatment centres outside of the county and reasons, to provide an update at the next meeting.

Action: Alyson to contact Vanessa outside of the meeting.

Action: All to let Chelsea know of anything that the board would like to be covered in future meetings.

Action: The December meeting to be held virtually on Zoom.

COMPLETED action: To send actions from these meetings after they have taken place, with more in depth minutes to follow later.

Presentations

A copy of minutes from the Kent Learning Disability Partnership Board will be made available on the Partnership's website:



www.kentldpb.org.uk

Date of next meeting

Thursday 14 December

