



## Kent Learning Disability Partnership Board Minutes

**Date:** Wednesday 22 January 2025

**Location:** This meeting was held virtually via Zoom

### Who was there?

#### Attendees:

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

**Toni Easdown** – KCC, Stakeholder Engagement Officer

**Steve Chapman** – Joint Co-Chair of the Kent Learning Disability Partnership Board, Self Advocate, Bemix

## Who was there? (continued)

### Attendees:

**Tracey Burn** — KCC, Social Care Involvement Officer (minutes)

**Theresa Watson** - KCC, Social Care Involvement Officer

**Cheryll Champion** – LDC Care Co, Quality and Compliance Manager

**Chris Evans** – Parent Carer

**Claire Ledger** – KCC, SEND Designated Social Care Officer, Children, Young People and Education

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

**Kirstyn Roberts** - Development Director, Without Exceptions

**Lara Bywater** – Director, LDC Care Co

**Linda Chapman** – Parent Carer

**Trevor Chapman** – Parent Carer

**Marie Hackshall** – System Programme Lead – Learning Disability and Autism

**Michael Lillis** – Self Advocate, Bemix

**Mollie Mattingly** - Bemix, Project Lead, Leadership Development

**Patricia Moon** - Self Advocate, Without Exceptions

**Penny Cole** - KCC, Deputy Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health

**Robyn Swirles** – KCC, Business Support Officer

**Sammy Lamb** – Self Advocate, Bemix

# Welcome

## **Welcome from Steve Chapman, co-chair of the Learning Disability Partnership Board**

Steve welcomed everyone to the meeting, and said he was excited to be co-chair for the second time.

Steve invited other people in the meeting to introduce themselves.



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

Alyson welcomed everyone to the meeting, and went through the housekeeping rules.

Alyson congratulated Steve on his new role and said how wonderful it was to have Steve on the Board.



Alyson said a big thank you to Daniel for all his support and hard work as the previous co-chair of the Board.



Alyson introduced Tracey Burn, Social Care Involvement Officer who will be supporting the Board meetings going forward with agenda setting and co-ordination.



# Actions from the last meeting (19.9.2024)

Steve went through the actions from the last meeting.

**ACTION:** The current Local Account is currently being worked on. If anyone would like to be involved please contact Tracey Burn by Tuesday 25th February 2025.



**ACTION:** Toni to check if the easy read version of the Local Account can be added to Kent Connect to Support.

**ACTION:** Cheryll to set up a small group to discuss what can be taken to the Kent and Medway Adult Safeguarding Board following the Race Riots discussion.



**ACTION:** Toni to share contact details for Peter Zein and Michelle Gardener with Cheryll.

**Action:** Tracey to link Cheryll with Katherine Collins from Strategic Safeguarding.

## Development and promotion of the Board in 2025

Steve and Alyson led a discussion to get people's views.

The following areas were agreed:

- Meetings to be held for 1½ hours
- Meetings to be held every other month



## Development and promotion of the Board in 2025 (continued)

- Meeting in June – potential roadshow or marketplace (volunteers – Tracey, Toni, Michael, Patricia, Robyn, Elle)
- Attendees at the Board to include Education, Health, Police, Safeguarding, Employment, Public Health
- Develop a video – Patricia's journey joining the Board
- Video of what the Board does (volunteers, Patricia, Michael, Toni, Robyn)
- Video from carers perspective – (volunteers, Linda)
- Pre-meetings to be held 1 week before Board meetings, Steve to lead. How can the meeting be livestreamed?



**ACTION: remaining meetings to be set up for 2025 in April, June, September and November.**

**ACTION: Planning meeting to be arranged for June to consider a marketplace or forum.**

**ACTION: Pre-meetings to be set up 1 week before Board meetings.**

**COMPLETED: Robyn to share safeguarding list.**

**ACTION: Patricia and Kirstyn to develop a video on Patricia's journey joining the Board.**

# Development and promotion of the Board in 2025 (continued)

**COMPLETED:** Tracey to add Claire Ledger to the distribution list.

**ACTION:** Tracey to arrange a meeting with Claire Ledger to discuss a future agenda item Employment and careers advice.

**ACTION:** Lara and Steve to trial the first pre-meet in Dover (in-person) and update the Board.

**ACTION:** Toni to share Easy Read information about the Board for comments.

**ACTION:** Board attendees to be reviewed to include Education, Health, Police, Safeguarding, Employment. There is already a Public Health representative.

**ACTION:** Videos to be created covering what the Board does and the role of carers on the Board.

## Oliver McGowan Mandatory Training

Steve Chapman and Mollie Mattingly provided an update on the Oliver McGowan Mandatory Training and recruitment of lived experience leaders.

The slides were shared with Board before the meeting.

**ACTION:** Marie to look at how to increase the profile of the lived experience leader roles.





# Kent and Medway Learning Disability and Autism Strategy

Marie Hackshall updated the group on what had been happening to develop a Kent And Medway Learning Disability and Autism strategy.

Marie talked through some slides. These were shared with the Board before the meeting.



**Q** Is digital accessibility going to be covered in this strategy?

**A** It is important to think about reasonable adjustments and digital accessibility. This will be included.

**Q** Can you include some of the work the Board has done already around people being seen, heard and valued?

**A** This will be done as we start to look at the next steps about making people aware of the strategy.

**Q** This has been a good example of co-production and we need to make sure we use it to influence other things that are being done.

**A** The strategy will feed into other things that are being worked on, and it will go to lots of different places and boards.

**Q** We've had strategies before, but we don't get feedback on what has gone well or what hasn't once it has been completed.

**A** We do need to tell people what has or hasn't worked. We haven't had a system wide learning disability and autism strategy before though, so this is new.

# Kent and Medway Learning Disability and Autism Strategy (continued)

**ACTION:** Marie to contact Kirstyn and Patricia for their comments on the strategy.

**COMPLETED:** Toni to provide Kirstyn's contact details to Marie.

## What's next?

If you think of anything else important to be included in the strategy, please get in touch via email or use the online form.

Our email:

[makingadifference@kent.gov.uk](mailto:makingadifference@kent.gov.uk)

QR code for online feedback form and link: <https://forms.office.com/e/yRYq27MBuM>



## Any Other Business

Kent and Medway update on learning disability staffing and housing numbers.

**ACTION:** Alyson and Marie to look at the information available, update to be given at future board meeting.





## **Date of next meeting**

To be confirmed, this will be on zoom.

## **Videos and Presentations**

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

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