



Kent Learning Disability Partnership Board Minutes

Date: Tuesday 9 September 2025

Location: This meeting was held at LDC Care, Dover

Who was there?

Attendees:

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

Alyson Wagget - Joint Co-Chair of the Kent Learning Disability Partnership Board and KCC Assistant Director Social Care and Health (East) Thanet and South Kent Coast

Who was there? (continued)

Attendees:

Andrew – Self Advocate, Aspens

Laura Appleton – Mencap, Our Active Community, Thanet

Rachel Baker— Bemix

Tracey Burn— KCC, Adult Social Care and Health, Involvement Officer

Cheryll Champion – LDC Care Co, Quality and Compliance Manager

Linda Chapman – Parent Carer

Trevor Chapman – Parent Carer

Chris Evans – Parent Carer

Claire Ledger— KCC, Education and Young People's Service,
Designated Social Care Officer

Mollie Mattingly- Project Lead, Bemix

Elle Meehan— KCC, Adult Social Care and Health, Community
Team Manager

Patricia Moon - Self Advocate, Without Exceptions

Alina Takauskaite- KCC, Adult Social Care and Health,
Involvement Officer

Welcome

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

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



Alyson and Steve invited people in the meeting to introduce themselves.

Actions from the last meeting (11 June 2025)

Alyson went through the actions from the last meeting.

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

IN PROGRESS: Video to be created covering what the Board does, and the role of carers on the Board - Involvement and Information Team to co-ordinate.



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



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

COMPLETED: Marie to contact Kirstyn and Patricia for their views to help with the Kent and Medway Learning Disability and Autism Strategy being developed.

COMPLETED: Alyson and Marie to look at the information available, on learning disability staffing and housing numbers, update to be given at next board meeting.



ACTION: An agenda item covering transport to be included. Contact Stagecoach and Arriva to request a representative to attend a future meeting.



ACTION: Alyson to arrange a meeting with Ross Parkin to discuss questions raised in the pre-meeting.

ACTION: Future agenda item for the Board to talk about a smooth transition for young people moving to adult services.



ACTION: Alyson to invite people from the Operational Leadership Group, Ambulance Service and Kent Police to join the Board. Police have been contacted—Alyson to follow up.

ACTION: Alyson and Steve to discuss inviting someone from DWP—Disability Employment Advisor to join the Board or invite as a speaker.



ACTION: Members of the Board to attend the Housing Board as a group to raise key issues.



ACTION: Alyson to contact the Client Financial Services Team regarding communications needs.

Communicating Who We Are

Involvement and Information Team, Adult Social Care and Health

Steve and Alyson talked through the “Communicating Who We Are” slides from the Involvement and Information team, and led a discussion to get peoples views.

Questions:

1. What does partnership mean to you?
2. What do you think is good about being involved in this board?
3. What would help more people join in with this board?
4. Where do you find information on what is happening in your area?



IN PROGRESS: Tracey to send presentation and questions/answers from the group discussion.

ACTION: Let Tracey know if you would like to help in some way.

ACTION: Board Members to send a photo of themselves to Tracey before next Board meeting.

Any Other Business

The Board discussed dates and venues for future Board and pre-meeting.

COMPLETED: Tracey to arrange venue in Ashford to hold next pre-meet and Board meeting.



IN PROGRESS: Tracey to arrange dates for Board and pre-meetings for 2026. Venues to be discussed for future meetings.

ACTION: Tracey to contact Paul Jerome to arrange date to video Alyson and Steve.



Date of next meeting

Monday 3 November 10am to 12pm.

This will be in person at Kent County Council, Kroner House, Ashford, TN24 8XU.



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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