



Kent Learning Disability Partnership Board Minutes

Date: Wednesday 11 February 2026

Location: This meeting was held at Sessions House, Maidstone

Who was there?

Attendees:

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

Alyson Wagget — 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

Rachel Baker — Team Leader, Bemix

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

Nicola Budd — KCC, Policy & Quality Assurance Officer (Social Worker)

Linda Chapman — Parent Carer

Trevor Chapman — Parent Carer

Megan Everson — Self Advocate, Bemix

Paul Jerome — KCC, Senior Information Designer

Mollie Mattingly — Project Lead, Bemix

Patricia Moon — Self Advocate, Without Exceptions

Kirstyn Roberts — Development Director, Without Exceptions

Gabriella Rolls — EDI Project Officer, Kent Cricket

Darren Zweck — Housing Operations Manager, Accommodation Yes

Apologies:

Laura Appleton — Mencap, Our Active Community, Thanet

Cheryll Champion — LDC Care Co, Quality and Compliance Manager

Wendy Jeffreys — KCC, Consultant In Public Health

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 (3 November 2025)

Steve and Alyson went through the actions from the last meeting.

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.



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



IN PROGRESS: An agenda item covering transport to be included. Representative from Stagecoach, Arriva and the Railway to attend a future meeting.



Update: Tracey to arrange for someone from KCC Public Transport to attend April's meeting. If a representative from KCC Transport cannot attend, the board will submit questions and request written responses.

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



Update: Tracey to arrange a speaker for November's meeting.

IN PROGRESS: 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.



COMPLETED: Department of Working Pensions — Disability Employment Advisor to join the Board or to be invited as a speaker.



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

Update: Meeting to be arranged to prepare for the Housing Board.



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



IN PROGRESS: Board Members to send a photo of and a short description about themselves for the Kent Connect to Support website.

Update: If you would like to send a photo then please send to Tracey by 15th April.



Integrated Neighbourhood Teams

Alyson gave an update on Integrated Neighbourhood Teams.

What are Integrated Neighbourhood Teams?

- Working together across health, social care, housing, and voluntary sector.
- Sharing information to understand the whole person.
- Stop people telling their story lots of times.
- Think about what the neighbourhood needs.
- Look at people's strengths and the communities' strengths.



Key points raised by the Board:

- Loneliness, isolation and lack of accessible community activities are major issues.
- Need for more local support and consistent communication from services.
- The need for GPs and wider health teams to make reasonable adjustments for autistic people and those with learning disabilities.
- The importance of listening to people's personal goals (independence, work, relationships).



ACTION: Tracey to send slides to Board members.

Supported and Residential Living Extra Care Housing Care & Support

Marie Hackshall, System Programme Lead, Kent and Medway Learning Disability, Autism and ADHD gave an update.

The presentation was sent to the Board before the meeting.

Kent County Council is redesigning and recommissioning Supported Living and Learning Disability/Physical Disability/Mental Health Residential Care into one contract (launching June 2027).

Lived experience representatives are co-designing the specification.



Key issues raised by the Board:

- Poor transitions into shared supported living can cause distress. Need for proper compatibility assessments.
- Care staff do not always listen to families or follow care plans.
- Concerns about PEG feeding decisions.
- Nutrition: providers need to follow medical and dental advice
- Food hygiene rating: suggestions—annual food hygiene scores in contract monitoring, quality ‘secret shopper’. People with lived experience could visit services to observe mealtimes, activities, and environment.
- Shortage of services for people leaving hospital with complex mental health needs.
- Independent advocacy to support people to raise concerns without fear of repercussions.
- Availability of Supported Living, not matching people’s needs and shortage of options for people needing low level or transitional support.
- Need for a “halfway” option for physically disabled adults who don’t want shared supported living but do need 24/7 care.



Any Other Business

Steve mentioned the Terms of Reference for the Board. Alyson said that this should be revisited.

Action: Steve and Alyson to work on a draft to bring back to the board to be reviewed.



Date of next meeting

Wednesday 15 April 2026 from 2pm to 4pm
This will be in person at Margate Library, Thanet Gateway Plus,
Margate.



Dates for remaining meetings for 2026

Wednesday 17 June from 2pm to 4pm
Venue to be confirmed

Wednesday 16 September from 2pm to 4pm
LDC, Dover

Wednesday 18 November from 2pm to 4pm
Venue to be confirmed

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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