



Kent Learning Disability Partnership Board Minutes

Date: Thursday 18 April 2024

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

Alina Takauskaite - KCC, Involvement Officer

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Who was there? (Continued)

Attendees:

Cheryll Champion – LDC Care Co, Quality and Compliance Manager

Chris Evans – Parent Carer

Elle Meehan - KCC, Team Manager

Jade-Amora Omoleigho – KCC, Involvement Officer

Linda Chapman – Parent Carer

Lisa Clinton – KCC, Stakeholder Engagement Manager

Marie Hackshall – System Programme Lead – Learning Disability and Autism

Michael Lillis - Self Advocate, Bemix

Mollie Mattingly - Bemix, Project Lead, Leadership Development

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

Robyn Swirles – KCC, Administration Officer

Sammy Lamb - Self Advocate, Bemix

Steve Chapman – Self Advocate, Bemix

Taylor Anderson - Challenging Behaviour Foundation, Project Worker

Theresa Watson - KCC, Involvement Officer

Toni Easdown – KCC, Stakeholder Engagement Officer

Tracey Burn — KCC, Involvement Officer

Trevor Chapman – Parent Carer

Wendy Jeffreys - KCC, Public Health Specialist

Welcome

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



Daniel welcomed everyone and went through the housekeeping rules.

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

Alyson welcomed Cllr Mrs Penny Cole, Deputy Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health to the meeting.



Penny said she has been a councillor since 2009, and involved in Adult Social Care on the committees ever since she started.

Penny is looking forward to joining the Board and listening to what everyone had to say.



Dan Watkins is the current Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health.

Penny can listen to what people say and can take any issues to Dan on behalf of the Board.

Alyson invited other people in the meeting to introduce themselves.



Update from Alyson Wagget (continued)

Alyson provided an update on support planning.

Alyson talked about how these are decided, who makes the decisions, who else is involved and who pays.



The slides that Alyson went through were shared with Board before the meeting.

Alyson said there was more information on the Kent County Council website.



This has more information about the Care Act, charging, what Adult Social Care does, and how People are supported.



Q The presentation talks about the person working with you. It always used to be Care Managers who did assessments, is it no longer Care Managers?

A People used to be called Care Managers.

The assessments can be done by a qualified Social Worker, or another registered practitioner such as a Nurse qualified or Occupational Therapy qualified person or a Case Officer.

Case Officers are unregistered practitioners who have had training, and who are supported and supervised by registered practitioners.

Q Do carers get a carers review or check after a year, as our experience is that carers don't get regular assessments?

A Carers should have regular reviews done by the carers organisations.

Update from Alyson Wagget (continued)

Q How is the Assessment started?

A The original assessment happens when you contact the Social Care Connect Service. That is the Adult Social Care front door. If you are already having support, then you would contact the team around a review and reassessment.

For carers, the Local Authority commissions carers organisations to do those assessments and reviews.

Action: Linda and Trevor Chapman to update the Kent Adult Strategy Carers Group about carers re-assessments, and that these don't regularly happen.

Actions from the last meeting (14 December 2023)

OUTSTANDING: Information about the Learning Disability and Autism Neurodiversity Programme workstreams, including a timeline and overview of the meetings to be shared with the Board, so that Board members can see if they would like to join any of them.



UPDATE: Lisa Clinton said that a summary of the meetings had been produced. Some of these have changed slightly, so Lisa will check to make sure the information is still correct. This will then be shared with the Board.

OUTSTANDING: One Board meeting a year to be held in person where possible.



UPDATE: The next meeting on Thursday 20 June will be an in-person meeting in Sessions House, Maidstone. This is during Learning Disability Awareness week.

Partnership Board co-chair update

Sammy, Daniel, Steven and Toni told the Board about the work that the co-production group have been doing.



The updated job description, application form and the presentation were shared with the Board before the meeting.

Alyson Wagget, Marie Hackshall and Lisa Clinton said this was good work.



Marie said it would be good to share the learning with the Learning Disability and Autism Delivery Partnership Board.



There will be a co-chair position in that Board. We should use this as a template.

***COMPLETED*: ACTION: An update on this work to be taken to the Learning Disability and Autism Delivery Partnership Board.**

***COMPLETED*: ACTION: the Board to help to promote the role once further information is shared.**

DECISION: The co-production group asked the Learning Disability Partnership Board to approve the job description and application form. This was agreed by the Board.

Partnership Board website update

Lisa Clinton provided an update on the work that Paul Jerome has been doing on the new Partnership Board website.



The Learning Disability Partnership Board pages are on the Kent Connect to Support website.

This can be changed any way the Board likes and the web address can be changed as well.

Some information focus groups are being set up.

ACTION: Board members to let Paul.Jerome@kent.gov.uk know if the new website should be called the Learning Disability Partnership Board or whether it should have a different name, so it is open to as many people as possible across Kent and Medway.

ACTION: Paul Jerome to share some further information about the new website with the Board.

ACTION: Board members to contact Paul.Jerome@kent.gov.uk if they would like to be photographed for the new website.

ACTION: Board members to contact Paul.Jerome@kent.gov.uk if they would like to join an information focus group.

Local Account co-production

Lisa Clinton told the Board about the Local Account.

The Local Account is a booklet and web content that looks back at Adult Social Care over the year.

The Local Account for this year is being developed.

It will cover what has worked well, what challenges there has been and what needs to improve.



ACTION: The current Local Account to be shared with Board members

Communication and co-production workstream

Lisa Clinton updated the Board about the Communication and Co-production workstream.

The group meet every three week.

The role of the group is to promote co-production and communication throughout the Learning Disability and Autism programme.

***COMPLETED*: ACTION: Board members to let Toni Easdown know if they would like to join the Communication and Co-production workstream.**



Community Involvement

Lisa Clinton updated the Board on the six Adult Social Care Involvement Officers, who cover different areas across Kent.

Their role is to set up some local involvement groups for social care in their area.

They will help to develop a way to make sure we are doing things well and people have good experiences in social care.



The Involvement Officers introduced themselves to the Board.



Linda and Trevor invited Alina, who covers the Dover and Deal area to join their next carers Zoom meeting.

***COMPLETED* ACTION: Toni to share Alina's contact details with Linda and Trevor.**

Any Other Business

Robyn shared that she has been promoted in her job, which is really good news.

Michael told the Board about the pop up café at Bemix.

Sammy told the Board about the record shop called Audio Box that has opened in Dover. There is information about this and the café on the Bemix Facebook page.

Daniel told the Board about the Proud Pak group he goes to in Newington, some of the other social evenings he goes to and the Festability Music Festival.

Meeting dates for 2024

Thursday 20 June - in person
Thursday 19 September - on Zoom
Thursday 12 December - on Zoom



The next meeting on Thursday 20 June will be an in-person meeting in Sessions House, Maidstone.

This is during Learning Disability Awareness week

