



## Kent Learning Disability Partnership Board Minutes

**Date:** Tuesday 15th April 2025

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

### Who was there?

#### Attendees:

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

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

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## Who was there? (continued)

### Attendees:

**Laura Appleton** – Mencap, Our Active Community, Thanet

**Nic Budd** – KCC, Policy and Quality Assurance Team

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

**Linda Chapman** – Parent Carer

**Trevor Chapman** – Parent Carer

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

**Chris Evans** – Parent Carer

**Lydia Jeffrey** – KCC, SEND Inclusion Advisor for Further Education

**Paul Jerome** – KCC, Senior Information Designer

**Katy Strachan** – KCC, Digital Information Officer

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

**Alina Takazauskaite** – KCC, Social Care Involvement Officer

**Erica Taylor** – KCC, Social Worker Apprentice

**Tina Walker** – Self Advocate, Bemix

# Welcome

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

Steve welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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 said that the Board pre-meeting on 9th April went well and questions were prepared for the Board meeting.

Alyson gave an update on the young peoples team move from Children's to Adults.



The young peoples team is for people 18-25 with a learning disability or physical disability.

The young peoples team was managed by children's services but the team are now within Adult Social Care.



Ross Parkin will be managing the team.

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

## **Actions from the last meeting (22.1.25)**

Alyson went through the actions from the last meeting.

**ACTION:** The Board discussed Cheryll setting up a small group to discuss peoples experiences of discrimination and how people can be supported. Lara to discuss with Cheryll.



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



**ACTION:** Videos to be created covering what the Board does and the role of carers on the Board — Engagement Team to co-ordinate

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



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

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



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

# SEND Support and Inclusion Team

Lydia Jeffrey spoke about employment and careers advice for people with learning disabilities and autistic people as they leave school settings.



The slides were shared with the Board before the meeting.

**ACTION: An agenda item covering transport to be Included at a future meeting.**



**ACTION: Board members to let Tracey know by Friday 30th May what they like to be covered on transport**

## Plans for Disability Awareness week in June

Paul Jerome talked about plans for Disability Awareness week in June.



An exhibition will be held in the Stone Hall at Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone during June.

The next Board meeting will be on Wednesday 11th June from 11am to 12pm in Sessions House, Maidstone.



We will be having a celebration of the exhibition and information sharing about the Learning Disability Partnership Board in the Stone Hall after the meeting.



This will be from 1pm to 3pm and all Board members are invited.

## Plans for Disability Awareness week in June (continued)

**ACTION:** Details of the exhibition and how people can get involved to be sent to the Board by Tracey.

**ACTION:** The Board to send their photos and some information about what they do to [paul.jerome@kent.gov.uk](mailto:paul.jerome@kent.gov.uk) by Wednesday 28th May, to be included in the exhibition.



## Any Other Business

The Board discussed inviting more people with learning disabilities to the Board.

Any Board member can invite people to attend.



The Board discussed having its own Facebook page. Paul Jerome said the KCC contact for this would be Mike Akerman in Central Communications.



**ACTION:** Alyson to invite people from the Operational Leadership Group, Ambulance Service and Kent Police to join the Board.

**ACTION:** Paul Jerome to contact Mike Akerman about the Facebook page.

**ACTION:** Future Agenda item to be included on Access to work.



## Date of next meeting

Wednesday 11th June from 11am to 12pm  
This will be in person at Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone



## Dates for remaining meetings for 2025

Tuesday 9th September 10am to 11.30am.  
This will be on Zoom.

Monday 3rd November 10am to 11.30am.  
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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