

Rutland Learning Disability Partnership Board Notes of Meeting held on Wednesday 22 October 2014

Present – who came to the meeting

Vicky Todd RCC Head of Service (co-chair)

Daniel Billsdon Self Advocate (co-chair) Emma Jane Perkins RCC Team 4 Manager

Sarah Copes Self Advocate Aimee McGurk Self Advocate Susan Startin Self Advocate Olivia Barnacle Self Advocate Kyeann Cook Self Advocate Abbey Rowley Self Advocate Ellie Scopes Self Advocate Rory O'Neill Self Advocate Caroline Heath Self Advocate

Jean Heath Parent

Jenny Roberts LPT Speech & Language Therapist

Glynn Attiwell RCC Inclusion Dev. Worker

Sam Screaton NHS LD Primary Care Liaison Nurse

Jacqui Darlington Rutland Parent Carer Voice Kim Sorsky RCC Team 3 Manager

Andrew MacTaggart RCC Acting Senior Practitioner Transition

Steph Chapman NVFF

Lucy Stephenson RCC Member

Yasmin Surti
Louise Yarker
Jennifer Fenlon

Better Care Together
Transition (Health) LPT
Healthwatch Rutland

Barbara Pickering RCC Team 3 Assistant (note taker)

Apologies - who could not come to the meeting

Andrew Featherstone Spire Homes

Scott Williams LCPT Advocacy Service

Graham Pocklington RCC LD Locum Social Worker

Marenda Campling RCC LD Social Worker



1. Introductions and welcome

Vicky welcomed people to the meeting.

She introduced Daniel who was co-chair for the meeting.

Everyone in turn said their name and where they came from.



2. Making sure we understand what is said

Daniel told everyone that it is important to use words that are easy to understand. He reminded people to use the yellow cards.



3. What was said at the last meeting

We looked at the notes written after the last meeting held on 19 June. (The August meeting was cancelled.) Everyone agreed this is what was said.

4. Updates

Better Health

Sam told us that at the last Better Health meeting they heard about changes that are happening for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. This is called SEND Reform.



They also talked about helping women with learning disabilities understand about breast cancer and the importance of having mammograms. Mammograms are breast x-rays. Health people have produced a good DVD about this.

The next Better Health meeting is on 19 November. This is Sam's last Partnership Board meeting until 2016 as she is leaving to have a baby. Amelia Boulton will try to come to Partnership Board meetings as often as she can.

Employment

We looked at a presentation from Glynn:

- a. <u>Museum Café</u> Glynn and Rory told us this is going well and people are learning good skills. They have a microwave now and a new menu. There is a special fundraising date coming up to raise money for Children In Need: Friday 15 November.
- b. <u>Universal Credit</u>: Glynn explained that there is a new plan for putting all benefits "in one pot" in 2015. Glynn will find out more details and let us know.
- c. Access to Work: people with disabilities can apply for a special grant to help them start work or stay in work or start up a business. If you would like more details, please ask Glynn.
- d. <u>Contact details</u>: Glynn gave us some new website contact details for benefit calculations and a DWP online magazine. There are also new numbers for Job Centre+. All details are on the Partnership Board website: *Rutlandpartnershipboard4u.net*





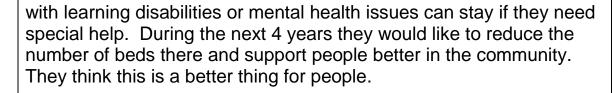
Advocacy

Scott from LCPT (Leicestershire Community Projects Trust) was not able to attend our meeting. Emmajane reminded people that if they need any help to be heard, Scott is there to help them.



Better Care Together

Yasmin Surti is the lead person for a project called Better Care Together which is a big review of health and social care services in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. Yasmin talked about work they are doing at the Agnes Unit which is a hospital where people





Yasmin introduced <u>Steph Chapman</u> who is on the National Valuing Families Forum. Steph is a volunteer and a carer herself. She is also the lead person for Public Patient Involvement in LD on Better Care Together. Steph wants to make sure Better Care Together are doing things right on our behalf, and she would like to hear our views. She hopes to set up an East Midlands forum where commissioners, family carers and people with learning disabilities can meet to talk.

We will invite Yasmin back to Partnership Board in the future.



LD Self Assessment Framework (SAF)

Emmajane updated us about this. Every year Rutland County Council fills in a big report to tell the government what people with learning disabilities in Rutland want to happen. The report gives the government alot of information and the views of Rutland people.

The report needs to be ready by the end of January 2015. We will discuss it at the next Partnership Board meeting. Meanwhile Emmajane will send something out to people at Rutwel to ask their views. Rory asked for this to be in large print.



Keep Safe Cards

Emmajane told us that safe places are being set up in other places around the country. At the moment the scheme is just for people with learning disabilities but in the future it will be for older people and people with other disabilities. A lot of work is being done to organise this and there will be a launch event to tell everyone more about it.

Emmajane hopes to tell us more about the launch event at the next meeting. Meanwhile the Keep Safe sub group will continue to meet .



Health Transitions

Louise Yarker is working for Leicestershire Partnership Trust for 9 months as their Health lead person for transitions. She told us that it can be stressful and worrying for young people when they move to adult services.



Louise would like to hear the views of people about health transitions to help her draw up a report for the commissioners (the people who buy the services). There is a meeting on 29th November at Bridge Park Plaza in Leicester and people are invited to attend – Louise has more details.



She is also planning to talk to people who work in OT, Physiotherapy and Speech & Language services to make sure they include information for young people's health transitions in their pathways.

Louise gave people a new leaflet called Transition. She hopes they will produce this in Easy Read soon.



Giving Voice DVD

We looked at some posters about communication with Jennifer Roberts from the Speech & Language Team. She asked people their opinions. We watched a DVD called Giving Voice and Emmajane told us about a Communication Network group that is being planned. The first meeting is on 6 November and Emmajane is getting more details.



Healthwatch

Jennifer Fenelon came to talk to us about Healthwatch in Rutland. There are Healthwatch organisations all across the country. Jennifer is based at VAR.

Jennifer told us that Healthwatch has a 3-point plan:

- 1. To listen to people's views and concerns about health and social care.
- 2. To talk to the people who provide services. For example, hospitals, GPs and care homes.
- 3. To tell people about services that will meet their needs.

Jennifer gave everyone a booklet. Her contact details are on the back. She asked people to contact her if they had any concerns about health or social care services.



Any Other Business

Yasmin told people that there was a Community Network Meeting on 6 November at 12 noon in the Recreation Hall at Glenfield Hospital.



The next meeting will be on Thursday 18 December.