

## Rutland Learning Disability Partnership Board Notes of Meeting held on Wednesday 18 February 2015

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#### Present – who came to the meeting

Vicky Todd RCC Head of Service (co-chair)

Richard Wilson Self Advocate (co-chair) Emma Jane Perkins RCC Team 4 Manager

Aimee McGurk Self Advocate Kyeann Cook Self Advocate Joe Steadman Self Advocate Chayne Adcock Self Advocate Paula Howkins Self Advocate Victoria Cable Self Advocate Jason Henderson Self Advocate Carolyn Heath Self Advocate Susan Startin Self Advocate Sarah Copse Self Advocate Joshua Darlington Self Advocate Ellie Scopes Self Advocate Andrew Featherstone Spire Homes

Lucy Rodger Spire Homes
Martin Brown Rutwel Co-ordinator
Olivia Barnacle Rutwel Support Worker
Hannah Moran Rutwel & Brightways
David Whitmarsh The Lodge Trust

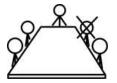
Jacqui Darlington Rutland Parent Carer Voice
Andrew MacTaggart RCC LD Social Worker

Amelia Boulton LPT – LD Primary Care Liaison Nurse

Jane Parr LPT Speech & Language

Cara Chambers Pohwer IMCA

Barbara Pickering RCC Team 3 Assistant (note-taker)



## Apologies - who could not come to the meeting

Lesley Hawkes Marenda Campling Glynn Attiwell Jean Heath Kim Sorsky



#### 1. Introductions and welcome

Vicky welcomed people to the meeting. She introduced Richard 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

Richard 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 18 December 2014. Everyone agreed this is what was said.



Work

## 4. Updates

## **Employment**

Glynn told us about Universal Credit. This is the name of the new system of benefits which starts this year. Glynn will be finding out more about this for us. He will also put information on our website: Rutlandpartnershipboard4u.net.



#### **Better Health**

- At the last Better Health meeting they talked about health checks. Amelia told us that they asked GPs in Leicestershire and Rutland how many people with learning disabilities had had a health check this year. The number was quite low. Amelia is working hard to get more people to have a check.
- They also talked about bowel cancer screening. People over 55 years old will be offered the test.
- The group is updating an Easy Read Recipe Pack. One was produced last year with the Co-op. Brightways have a copy. Emmajane will ask people at Brightways what they think of it before Amelia meets people from the Co-op in April.
- The next meeting is on 25 March.



#### Advocacy

Our new contact at Leicestershire Community Projects Trust (LCPT) is Nikki Masters who is the team leader. We hope she will be at the next meeting.



#### **Keep Safe**

Emmajane reminded people that we talked about the new scheme at the last meeting. Keep Safe leaflets were given to everyone. It was reported that there had been a problem with some Keep Safe places not being able to keep the special stickers on their windows. This is being sorted out.



## Safeguarding - Tracy Webb

Tracy gave us a presentation about safeguarding. She told us about different sorts of abuse. She also told us what to do (and what *not* to do) if we think someone is being abused.

A copy of the presentation is on our Partnership Board website: *Rutlandpartnershipboard4u.net*.

And here is a link to more Easy Read information about safeguarding: <a href="http://lrsb.org.uk/easy-read">http://lrsb.org.uk/easy-read</a>

26 Safeguarding concerns about people with learning disabilities were reported in Rutland last year.



Accessible Transport - Sally Killips Senior Manager Transport Sally introduced herself and said her job was to ensure that everyone can get out and about in the community. She wants to make it better for everyone to walk or cycle safely and to use cars and buses. She gave us some examples of what the Council is doing:



Cars: The Council offers safe driving training. There are sessions for older and younger drivers who might want extra help.

Buses: The Council has made the kerb better at all bus stops so people with wheelchairs can get straight on and off buses. They also work with the Rutland Access Group to look at things like getting timetables in bigger print.



Walking: The Road Safety Officer take people on training sessions to teach them how to travel independently and safely. They give advice too on how to use timetables and buy travel tickets.

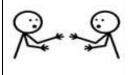
Vicky said it is important that everyone can get to places. We will talk about this again at a future meeting.



## The 5 Good Communication Standards - Jane Parr Speech & Language Therapist and Lead for Communications

Jane gave us a presentation about the 5 Good Standards and why they are important. She told us about the different groups that meet. They all want to make communication better.

Shane told us about the Talk and Listen Group. About 20 people attend. They want to check that services to see if they are doing a good job.



A copy of her presentation is on the Partnership Board website: Rutlandpartnershipboard4u.net

The next Network Meeting is on 15 April in the morning at Glenfield Hospital.



#### **New-look Partnership Board Website**

Emmajane told us that the Partnership Board website is being updated. This is the link to it:

http://79.170.44.126/rutlandpartnershipboard4u.net/

At a future Partnership Board meeting we will bring laptops and see what it looks like so far.



## **Any Other Business**

- 1. Emmajane showed some Easy Read leaflets and here are the links to them.
  - Transforming Care for People with Learning Disabilities: content/uploads/2015/01/transform-care-easy-read.pdf
  - Voting in Elections: <a href="http://www.everyvotecounts.org.uk/">http://www.everyvotecounts.org.uk/</a>



- Stronger Communities for all:
  - http://www.thinklocalactpersonal.org.uk/\_library/Resources/BCC/Report/ISL155\_14\_Strong\_Communities\_EasyRead\_WEB\_ACC\_FINAL\_12Jan2015.pdf



2. **Autism Assessment Report**: Emmajane is gathering information for this report. Councils have to fill one in and send it to government. Government has given us a pot of money to look at how we make places more accessible. We will be discussing this.



The next meeting will be on Thursday 23 April 2015.

