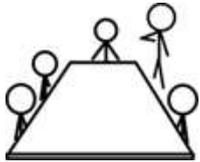


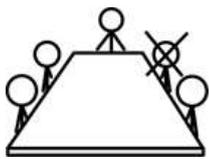


Rutland Learning Disability Partnership Board Notes of Meeting held on Wednesday 23 April 2015



Present – who came to the meeting

Vicky Todd	RCC Head of Service, co-chair
Jonathan Vanden Broek	Self Advocate and co-chair
Emma Jane Perkins	RCC Team 4 Manager
Joe Steadman	Self Advocate
Chayne Adcock	Self Advocate
Richard Wilson	Self Advocate
Peter Smith	Self Advocate
Victoria Cable	Self Advocate
Carolyn Heath	Self Advocate
Terry Smith	Parent
Andrew Featherstone	Spire Homes
Susan Spilner	Spire Homes
Sally Vincent	Community Agent, Spire Homes
David Whitmarsh	The Lodge Trust
Heather Forster	Rutland House Community Trust
Eve Saarmae	Rutland House Community Trust
Nikki Masters	LCPT Advocacy Service
Jenny Chapman	Rutwel
Hannah Moran	Rutwel & Brightways
David Whitmarsh	The Lodge Trust
Jacqui Darlington	Rutland Parent Carer Voice
Amanda Barlow	Mencap
Andrew MacTaggart	RCC LD Social Worker
Kim Sorsky	RCC Inclusion Team Manager
Karen Loj	RCC Duty Team
Cheryl Spires	RCC Duty Team
Barbara Pickering	RCC Inclusion Team Assistant (note-taker)



Apologies – who could not come to the meeting

Mandy Clarkson
Amelia Boulton
Marenda Campling
Jean Heath



1. Introductions and welcome

Vicky welcomed people to the meeting.
She introduced Jonathan 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

Jonathan 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 February 2015. Everyone agreed this is what was said.



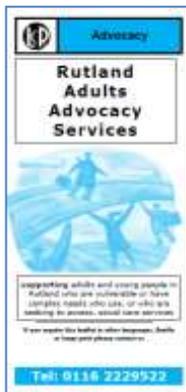
4. Advocacy – Nikki Masters, Leicestershire Community Projects Trust (LCPT)

Nikki told us about the services that LCPT provide in Leicestershire and Rutland. Nikki is an advocacy Team Leader. Advocates work 1:1 to support vulnerable people to speak for themselves and get the outcome they want.



Advocacy is a free service for people over 18 who use, or want to use, social care services.

People can make a referral themselves if they live in Leicestershire or Rutland, or a social worker or support worker can do this for them. Referrals can be made by phone or by using a referral form. When LCPT receives a referral they contact the person within a week.



Nikki gave us a presentation about their services. A copy will be put on the Partnership Board website: Rutlandpartnershipboard4u.net.

LCPT has an office in Leicester. The phone number is 0116 2229522. They also have a website with lots more information: www.lcp-trust.org.uk. Nikki also gave out leaflets.

Vicky asked Nikki to give us more information at a future meeting about how people in Rutland are using LCPT's service.



5. Making Rights Better and Listening to People – Emmajane Perkins

Emmajane told us about a big government consultation called *No Voice Unheard, No Right Ignored*. Government wants to hear the views of people with learning disabilities, autism and mental health conditions.

All the documents about the consultation can be found in Easy Read on the Department of Health website: GOV.UK.

Emmajane gave out copies of the booklets. The consultation closes on 29 May 2015.



6. Updates from Glynn Attiwell

Employment

Glynn has changed his job so we will not be seeing him at Partnership Board. He will be working at Rutland Enterprise Park in a different role.

He left us some information in a Powerpoint. A copy of this will be put on our Partnership Board website: rutlandpartnershipboard4u.net.



- **Adult Learning Course**

A new course called *Skills for Working Life* starts on 28 February. It is all about making people's skills better for work. It runs for 12 weeks on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Emmajane left some flyers. Please contact her if you are interested.

- **Touchbase newsletter**

This is a link to the March DWP (Department of Work & Pensions) newsletter called Touchbase:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/417850/touchbase-mar-15.pdf

- **Changes to DWP telephone numbers**

The new numbers are for people who claim Disability Living Allowance. Glynn has put the details in his presentation on our website.



Department for Work & Pensions

7. Autism (Self Assessment Framework and National Strategy)

Emmajane told people how we check how we are doing to support Rutland people with Autism and their families.

We score different areas as RED, AMBER OR GREEN. This is how Rutland scored itself in March 2015 across Health and Social Care:

Rating	What this means	How Rutland scores itself
RED	A lot of work to do	3 areas
AMBER	Some good work done but more needed	9 areas
GREEN	Doing really well	12 areas

Emmajane's presentation has been put on the Partnership Board website. It tells us which areas scored red, amber and green in our assessment. See Rutlandpartnershipboard4u.net.

It also says what things we plan to do to make things better in Rutland, Leicester and Leicestershire.



	<p>Emmajane gave out Easy Read information leaflets about Autism from the Leicestershire Autism Information Hub. They have a useful website: www.laih.org.uk.</p>
 	<p>Voting – Amanda Barlow from Mencap A lot of people knew that there is a General Election on 7 May 2015. Amanda told us that Mencap are helping people with learning disabilities to understand what voting is all about and why it is important for everyone to vote.</p> <p>There is information on their website to help people understand what the different political parties are saying. There are copies of each party's manifesto in Easy Read. A manifesto says what each party would do if they won the election.</p> <p>People can write to their MP via the Mencap website 'Hear My Voice' and add their stories. Amanda told us this would be a good thing to do so politicians understand what is important to people with disabilities.</p>
 	<p>Rutland Information Services (RIS) On Line – Katy Lynch Katy showed us some pages of information that will make up an online directory of services. She asked people to give their views. People made some comments and Katy took notes of what they said.</p> <p>Vicky invited people to look at the website after the meeting: http://ris.rutland.gov.uk. If anyone has any feedback, maybe ideas to make the information better, please let us know.</p> <p>Easy Read Fact Sheets Some useful fact sheets are now available in Easy Read:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carers: Frequently Asked Questions • Care & Support: Frequently Asked Questions • Your Guide to Independent Advocacy <p>Copies were left for people to look at. People will be able to ask for these on the RIS website.</p>
	<p>Any Other Business Jonathan has got a new job in Melton. We agreed this is good news.</p>
	<p>The next meeting will be on Tuesday 30 June 2015.</p>