## Learning Disability Partnership Board

#### 26/03/19 10am-1pm

### Bromyard and Sutton room, Herefordshire Council Offices, HR4 0LE

#### Attendees

Gill Gorle	ACSYL
Rob Gorle	ACSYL
Louise Walton	Marches Family Network
Rose Hunt	Herefordshire Mencap
Mary Simpson	Healthwatch
Tracy Roberts	Our News Our Views
Mike Cook	Echo manager
David Davies	Shared Lives
Sean Ladd	National Star College
Lara Latcham	Aspire Living
Jennie Sherwood	Aspire Living
Sharon Davies	Crossroads
Laura Ferguson	Herefordshire Council
Paul Choppen	Herefordshire Council

### Apologies

John Burgess	Herefordshire CCG
Cllr Rone	Herefordshire Council
John Gorman	Herefordshire Council
Debbie Hobbs	Herefordshire NAS
John Gorman	Herefordshire Council

### **Introductions and Apologies**

Paul welcomed everyone and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

### Matters Arising

Laura went through the previous minutes and the actions that had been agreed. The following actions still outstanding.

Action- Laura to send the Implementation plan reports to John who will imbed them within the Implementation Plan.

Action- Paul to ask the web team to create a webpage and link for the Implementation Plan reports from the councils LDPB webpage

Action- Paul to put a brief description of the LDPB at the top of every agenda

**Creating a LDPB page on WISH**- Paul has written a brief description of the LDPB and Carla has been working on an Engagement model that will sit on WISH. How these link together on the webpage is still unclear. See Feedback from user engagement session and guidance sign off for more details.

**Councillor representation**- neither Cllr Rone nor Cllr Swinglehurst were able to come to today's meeting. Mary asked Paul to check whether either of them were able to make the current meeting dates, and the board agreed to offer to change the dates if one of the Cllrs could then make it, as their input would be valued.

1. Action- Paul to check whether the current LDPB dates or times are a problem for them and offer to change the dates.- update after consideration this has been delayed till after the local elections.

**Sending out previous minutes-** Tracy asked Paul if the minutes could be sent out again two weeks prior to the each subsequent meeting,

2. Action- Paul to send out the previous minutes two weeks before future meetings.

# Easy read version of the LD Strategy

3. Action -Laura and Paul to make start on this.

### Where are we up to with the Strategy-presentation- Laura Ferguson



The presentation (above) included a brief overview of each of the 4 priorities, each priorities relevant actions as set out in the Implementation plan and the current progress to date on some key areas.

Key points are detailed below:

**Where I Live-** discussion are ongoing with Worcestershire to share a specialist provider for out of county care within the year.

### What I do during the day:

The council has commissioned Aspire to run a Supported Employment Service at St Owens Hub.

An employment forum is set to launch in July

### **Priority 3 Being Healthy and Safe:**

Neville Meredith have been working with the bus companies to get free bus passes for Street Pastures, hopefully their presence on busses can help combat hate crime and bullying that people with a learning disability often receive from school pupils.

The board discussed the feasibility of having About Faces take their "Don't Stare" play around schools to help stop bullying.

Action- John Gorman to discuss costs with Mike Cook.

### **Citizenship, Choice and Control**

Safe places scheme extended to public transport, a scheme is being developed with street pastors and a public transport bus company, starting with a ledbury service.

# Feedback from the Scrutiny Committee- Laura Ferguson

Laura said that the scrutiny committee was in support of the board and the Learning Disability Strategy. Laura did say if she was invited back by the scrutiny committee to give an update on progress, she would like a member of the LDPB to accompany her. Cllr Rone and Jade Brooks (then CCG) were both at the last meeting.

## Feedback from the user engagement session: guidance sign off- Carla Preston



Carla showed off the engagement model above.

How the model works

The Learning Disability Partnership wants to have an open and continuous dialogue with people who have learning disabilities about the four priority areas in Herefordshire's Learning Disability Strategy:

- Where I live
- What I do during the day
- Being healthy and safe
- Citizenship, choice and control

The engagement model links these four priorities to LDPB meetings which take place across the year (see attached diagram).

Each priority will have a questions underneath it. We want people with learning disabilities (experts by experience) to respond to these questions, either directly by email, or through an advocate. The advocate may be a group, a family member, a

"Nothing about me without me"

support worker or a friend who is able to facilitate a dialogue with the person involved and gain their views.

Views and comments are welcome all year round, although the Learning Disability Partnership will discuss each priority at a specified meeting (see model). An email will be sent to advocates/representatives to prompt responses in time for meaningful dialogue to be undertaken prior to LDPB meetings.

The action tab on the engagement model will eventually link to a summary of what has been said by people and what is going to happen as a result.

The model will be hosted on WISH and an inbox set up to receive comments in whatever format is deemed to be most appropriate by the advocate.

The communications team are currently looking to improve the design off the engagement model.

Paul is in the process of setting up a LD engagement mailing which will be used to help gather these views.

Mary and Tracy raised concerns about the word citizenship and the struggle to explain its multiple meanings to people with a learning disability.

Mary also raised the point that the priorities Where I live and What I do during the day both have two questions one asking for a positive feedback and the other a negative feedback, whereas both priorities -Citizenship, Choice and Control and Being Healthy and Safe only have one question each the connotations of which will only elicit positive feedback.

Action-Carla to update the engagement model Citizenship, Choice and Control question.

The board also decided to create a short video to describe the LDPB and the engagement cycle. Tracy volunteered to be part of the video.

Action-Paul to set up meeting with Tracy to discuss next steps and investigate videos on the council's social media sites for ideas.

Laura then asked for a show of hands from the board to sign off the guidance. Members duly obliged.

### The Role of the chair and co-chair (draft document and next steps) - Laura

Laura went through the role of the co-chair and Learning Disability Partnership Board, and shared a pictorial role description (draft).

A number of good ideas were offered from the board to improve the role description including the support that the co-chair would need, preparation time for the co-chair (would most likely need half a day of support prior to each meeting to discuss the agenda and who will lead on each item).

The board agreed that interested candidates would be invited to sit in on the June 18<sup>th</sup> meeting so they understand what the role entails. It was agreed that an email

along with the role description document should be sent out to our local providers to promote this opportunity. There was also discussion about a selection process (informal interview or meeting).

- 4. Action- Paul to update document and include the agreed updates.
- 5. Action- Laura/Paul/John to take the ideas from the board and put in place an selection process, aiming to have a co-chair in place by September.

# Learning Disability Week

The board discussed what it could do for Learning Disability Week on the 17<sup>th</sup> of June.

The board agreed to promote Learning Disability week through the council's social networks.

Rose and Mike both mentioned Mencap and Echo both had events in Learning Disability week.

# Mencap's Stay up Late - 21 June

# Echo Fest- 22 June.

The engagement cycle could also be promoted during this week?

# **Implementation Plan and Reports**

Laura went through each report. It was suggested that the success criteria should be at the top of each report to help identify it more quickly.

# Action- Paul / Laura to look at ways to make the reports easier to read.

While going through the part with the success-criteria -Learning disability partnership board- review/redesign it was noted that the LDPB needs to work more closely with the Health and Wellbeing board.

6. Action- Paul to invite the health and Wellbeing Board's chair to the next LDPB meeting on the 18 June- update after consideration this has been delayed till after the local elections.

# Any other Business

# Aspire Living Supported Employment Service- Lara Latcham

Lara explained that the service can help anyone who is 19+ who is not in education or paid employment. The service currently has a team of 3 who can work with 7-10 clients each. Currently there are 10 people enrolled on the scheme who are seeking training, volunteering or work opportunities. Referrals can be typically take 2-3 weeks for referrals to go through. Lara said most of her clients are seeking 2-3 days of work a week. Each client will have ongoing support while they are in employment. The scheme currently has funding for 1 year but is hopeful in can secure funding for a further 2/3 years.

Action- Laura to link Lara to community brokerage.

# NHS long term plan- Mary Simpson

Marys said the NHS is currently setting out its 10 year long term plan. You can read the current proposals and feedback your views at the links below:

NHS long term Plan - <u>https://www.longtermplan.nhs.uk/publication/nhs-long-term-plan/</u>

Share your views on the proposals-<u>https://www.engage.england.nhs.uk/survey/nhs-long-term-plan-legislation/</u>