

# Learning Disability Partnership Board

## Minutes

(notes) of the meeting

12<sup>th</sup> April 2017

10am - 1pm

Blackburn Enterprise

Centre



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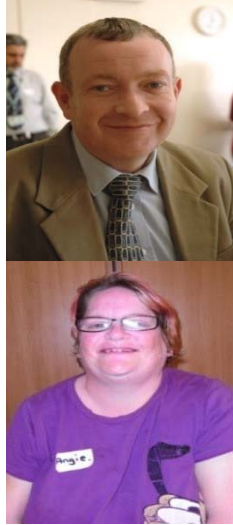

### **People that came to the meeting**

Stephen Gallagher, David Entwistle, Mandy Crabtree, Richard Mason, Michael Turner, Geraldine Condon, Cheryl Sandford, Janet Dean, Alan Pickup, Susan Kelly, James Hadleigh, Carole Ward, Matt Leaver, Andrew Gove, Adam Aspinall, Farzana Amir, Lucy Hamlin, Jim Taylor, Farmeen Akhtar, Nisha Shah, Kate Stock, Ian Greenwood, Amanda Topp, Stephen Smith, Angie Allen, John Wynn, Tom Baron, Sarah Scard, Carole Rice, Heather Maw, Farzana Amir, Philomena Bradley, Shannon



### **Apologies from people that couldn't come to the meeting**

Paula Lomas, Sue Hunter, Lucy Hamlin, Gabby Houlihan, Phillip O'Brien, Wendy Haworth, Peter Soothill

## Hello and welcome

	<p>Angie Allen co-chaired the meeting with James.</p>
	<p>We all said our names.</p>
	<p>We said what the traffic light cards mean:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The red card is to stop the meeting, or to vote no</li><li>• The amber card is to ask a question</li><li>• The green card is to vote yes. Or you can put it in the air when you want to speak</li></ul>
	<p>We looked at the minutes from the last meeting in February.</p> <p><b>Things to talk about from the</b></p>

	<p><b>last meeting</b>  Everyone had received the minutes from the last meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> February</p> <p>New attendees added to the list. Apologies made</p>
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  	<p><b>New Items to Discuss</b></p> <p>Carole asked the group if any members would like to be involved in the Meaningful Activities Sub Group as it is in need of a new lease of life.</p> <p>Carole also mentioned the upcoming Meet n match How do I date? Course information which was provided for the group -</p> <p>Cheryl offered to provide a travel plan and some expenses for people interested in attending</p> <p>James spoke about Resolve &amp; Hate Crime Reporting and that</p>
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there was some funding available for group members to travel to visit other Third party Reporting Centres to share best practice and explained about hate crime. An invite to join Resolve every Wednesday at Your Support Your Choice 1- 2.30 was extended to members interested.

Amanda from Lancashire LD Partnership Board said that there was other ways to report online via either the Police or True Vision Web Site and that she had produced an easy read guide to reporting which she would share with the group.

James & Angie spoke about the Easy Read What is Adult Abuse information which was provided for the group. Everyone agreed that it was an important topic that everyone should be aware of and also know who to discuss any concerns with.

Carole said any concerns could always be raised in confidence with her at Your Support Your Choice.



Amanda said that Lancashire Victims Services also cover all forms of abuse, and they have recently taken over running of all the contract so the group felt it would be good to get more information of services available.



## Sub Group Update

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There are 4 Sub Groups:

- Inclusion
- Health
- Meaningful activities
- Carers

### The Carers Group

Alan told us the news from the Carers Group. They have been receiving information about Direct Payments and had an



explanation about how they work, in addition they have arranged a meeting with council staff to clarify details and answer questions. meaningful activities and the possible effects on benefits

### Health

The meetings are to be quarterly at Darwen health Centre on a Wednesday afternoon 1-2.30. The next one will be in June and Alan will update the group with the date as soon as possible.



Alan & James spoke about the first meeting which was arranged with Dr Muzzafar at Darwen Health Centre who has wanted to be involved for a while but is unable to attend board meetings on a Wednesday but is now attending the Sub Group meeting. The health group told us about ensuring people with learning difficulties accessed better health services as a recent study has shown that people with learning difficulties die sooner due to problems with



this.

There also seems to be a problem with people being removed from the Learning disability register due to a dyspraxia diagnosis - this is causing hardship and benefit problems and should anyone feel that they have been removed unfairly to contact their GP for an assessment.

Alan asked if any of the group would like to attend future meetings John and Angie both volunteered to be involved

### Inclusion

Cheryl & Tom are the only regularly attending members of the group due to the loss of Rosemary, Helen and Sonia and asked the group if it would be a good idea to join the Inclusion & Meaningful activities groups together and also if someone could lead this for future meetings - Carole offered to do this and organise the next meeting dates were suggested as a Thursday in May when convenient for all interested -







Carole will update all concerned



All future meetings will be held at the same venue from 10 - 12noon

Lunch will be provided at each meeting

The dates for future meetings are as follows - all Wednesdays

- 14 June 17
- 9 August 17
- 11 October 17
- 13 December 17
- 14 February 18



### Connect update

Cheryl from Connect gave the group an easy read guide with all activities & transport updated.

Bus companies and routes are now available with some minor changes to come in April.

She reminded the group about the vulnerable adult card and



had applications available for people to collect.

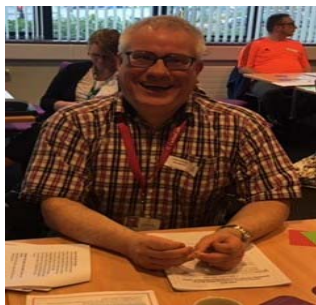


### Lancashire Learning Disability Partnership Board - Safety in Town project

The group welcomed our guests from Lancashire LDP who kindly came to share ideas and good practice with a presentation.



LD CEO  
Presentation to Blac





It was led by Amanda Topps with assistance from Stephen, Ian & Kate






The Lancashire Board operates in a similar way to ours but on a larger scale with members from many providers too - the group thought that was really good and could be something we looked at in the next few months.



Amanda explained how the SAFETY IN TOWN scheme worked and discussed with the group good and bad ideas for setting up our own scheme here in Blackburn with Darwen as

<p><b>THE VOTE</b></p>  	<p>they found things that worked and things that didn't work. The group had a vote to decide if they wanted to go ahead and launch the scheme.</p> <p>Was unanimous to go ahead and launch the scheme.</p> <p>Resolve members with Carole's help offered to promote this with local businesses.</p> <p>Amanda provided the start-up pack of information for us.</p> <p>Amanda asked that her contact details be shared in case anyone would like further information.  <a href="mailto:Amanda.topps@lancashire.gov.uk">Amanda.topps@lancashire.gov.uk</a>  Tel 07919306304</p>
<p><b>Any other business</b></p>	<p>Hate Crime Event - Disability Equality NW  Preston Flag Market  Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2017</p>

## The next meeting

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	<p>At Blackburn Enterprise Centre, Furthergates, Blackburn, BB1 3HQ</p>																																																	
	<p>Time: 9.30am - 12pm</p> <p>Meeting starts at 10am</p> <p>Lunch at 12pm</p>																																																	
	<p>There will be lunch and drinks.</p>																																																	