

Kent Learning Disability Partnership Board Minutes

Date : 29th January 2016 - 12:00 noon—2.00pm
Venue : Trinity Foyer, 20 Church Street, Maidstone, ME14 1LY.

Who was there?

Attendees:

Sue Bates - Kent Valuing People Partnership

Dr Gay Berman - NHS, West Kent Clinical Commissioning Group

Peter Boyce - Family Carer

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Who was there? (Continued)

Trevor Chapman - Dover District Partnership Group

Steven Chapman - Joint Chair for the What I Do Delivery Group

Joanne Cunningham - KCC, Kent LD Partnership Coordinator

Jeanette Dean-Kimili - Locality Commissioner, South Kent Coast CCG

Alys Denby - Parliamentary Advisor to Helen Whately Member of Parliament for Faversham and Mid Kent

Graham Gibbens (Joint Chair) - KCC, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health

Sue Gratton - Kent and Medway Commissioning Support Unit

Rosemary Henn-Macrae - KCC, County Manager Disabled Childrens Service

Daniel Hewitt (Shadow Joint Chair) - Maidstone District Partnership Group

Chris Hird - NHS, West Kent Clinical Commissioning Group

Sam Holman (Joint Chair) - Dartford and Gravesend District Partnership Group

Shirley Maker - Kent Valuing People Partnership

Lizzie Pearce - KCC, Administration Officer

Chris Perry - Tunbridge Wells District Partnership Group

Karen Shaw - KCC, Public Health

Alex Scott - Shepway District Partnership Group

Penny Southern - KCC, Director Disabled Children Adult Learning Disability and Mental Health

Honey-Leigh Topley - KCC, Community Safety

Malti Varshney - KCC, Public Health

Who was there? (Continued)

Tina Walker - Joint Chair for the Good Health Group

Paula Watson - KCC, Commissioning - Manager - Accommodation Solutions

Nicky Wells - Shadow Joint Chair for the Good Health Delivery Group

Helen Whately - Member of Parliament (MP) for Faversham and Mid Kent

Apologies:

Lorraine Brentnall - Jobcentre Plus

Joanna Jackson - KCC, Disabled Children's, Adult's Learning Disability and Mental Health

Simon Matthews - Joint Chair for the Where I Live Delivery Group

Sam Sheppard - KCC, Commissioning Manager – Community Support

Welcome, Apologies and Housekeeping

Sam, Daniel and Graham welcomed everyone to the meeting and Sam read out the apologies.



Minutes from the last meeting

At the last meeting the District Partnership Groups came to share information on the work they have done as well work they are planning for the future. There were no actions from this meeting but Sam thanked everyone for the work that they put in to making the meeting a success.



Integrated Commissioning

Sue explained to the group about how commissioning will change in the future.

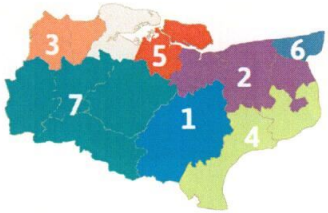
This will not change the service that people get, it will just mean that KCC and the NHS will work together to buy services in a better way.



<u>What happens now?</u>

The following groups all have money and contracts to buy services:

- Kent County Council (KCC)
- Ashford Clinical Commissioning Group (1)
- Canterbury and Coastal Clinical Commissioning Group (2)
- Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group (3)
- South Kent Coast Clinical Commissioning Group (4)
- Swale Clinical Commissioning Group (5)
- Thanet Clinical Commissioning Group (6)
- West Kent Clinical Commissioning Group (7)



Integrated Commissioning (continued)

What will happen in the future?

There will be one team of people managed by KCC. This will be called the **Integrated Commissioning Board**.

How will this be better?

There will be people from NHS and KCC working together to:

- Agree a joint plan
- Check that services are working well
- Check how the money is being spent
- The money from NHS and KCC will be put together into one pot and used to buy services



This means that we might be able to get more for our money, there will continue to be good partnership working between the NHS and KCC and there will be better checks on services.

When will these changes happen?

These changes will happen on the 1st April 2016.



The new contract for the Community LD teams will come into place on the 1st April 2017.



So what we are saying is that we will have the Board in place this April and will start working together but teams out in the community will not start purchasing services through this new system until 2017

Helen Whately MP

Helen Whately gave a presentation on her work. Helen is the Member of Parliament (MP) for Faversham and Mid Kent.



At the end of the presentation, members of the Board asked the following questions:

Q What are you doing to help people with learning disabilities into work?

A There is the Disability Confident event which will get employers together to talk about the positives of employing people with a learning disability.

We will be looking to do some matchmaking for people with learning disabilities that are looking for jobs and employers.

Steve Chapman told Helen that he had been working for a number of years to help people with learning disabilities to get into work.

Helen said that she would like to link with Steve and get him involved with the Disability Confident event. Joanne to send Steve's contact details to Helen.

Q Why are hospital waiting times so long? I have diabetes and had an appointment for 10.30 am but was not seen until 12.10 pm.

Helen Whately MP (continued)

A I agree that it is bad when a hospital makes you wait this long. What I can do is write to the Minister if I get lots of complaints.



Unfortunately, I am not your MP as you live in Swanley. You would need to write to your MP as they will not know that there is a problem until you tell them.

In November, Kent's Health and Wellbeing Board met and GPs agreed that they wanted to improve waiting times and would work to put reasonable adjustments in place for people with learning disabilities.

Malti from Public Health is also doing a lot of work around diabetes and will feed this back to the Good Health Group.

Q What are you doing to improve public transport for people with learning disabilities?

A At the moment I am not doing anything. No one has told there was a problem. What is the problem?

Members of the Board explained that there is a lot of work happening locally to try and improve peoples' experiences. This includes making sure that bus drivers do not move the bus until people have sat down and to try and stop bullying on public transport.



Helen Whately MP (continued)

An issue that cannot be changed locally is that people with learning disabilities that have bus passes for travelling on buses cannot use these passes until 9.30 am. This is a problem for people trying to find work.

Kent would like to pay for people to use their passes earlier but does not have the funds.

Helen is soon to have a meeting with Arriva to talk about buses being late for schools. Whilst at the meeting Helen will ask Arriva about concessions and giving people more time to get on the bus.

Helen will write to the Minister about this issue and will either come back to the meeting to give an update or will give feedback to Joanne.



Q With all of the changes happening to the benefit system, how are people with learning disabilities going to understand what is happening?

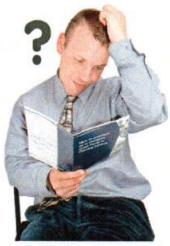
The accessible information standard that becomes law in July 2016 is only for health and social care. It would be helpful if the Department of Works and Pensions (DWP) also used this.

(The accessible information standard tells organisations how they should make sure that disabled people get information in a way they understand.)

A Helen will add this to her letter to the Minister and feedback to the Board.

Helen Whately MP (continued)

Q Why are there not more advocacy groups to help people understand information, such as letters from the Department of Works and Pensions (DWP) or GPs?



A I agree with our earlier conversation that information from any government agency should be accessible.

Penny told Helen that KCC does fund independent advocacy but due to cuts is no longer able to fund group advocacy. There is some group advocacy in Kent but this is run locally and is not KCCs legal responsibility.



Q With the recent challenges to the bedroom tax in the appeal court, do you think that the bedroom tax is unlawful?

A As an MP I see people from both sides of the argument. Some people feel that they need their spare room for grandchildren who visit or storing goods needed for medical purposes.

On the other hand, I see people with children who desperately need housing and if someone has a room that they don't need, a larger family could use it.

The Under Occupancy Charge (otherwise known as the bedroom tax) does have exemptions. Write to your MP if you are affected and think you should be exempt.



Helen Whately MP (continued)

Since the meeting:

Helen has been in touch to ask that people get in touch if there is anything that she can help with.

Helen's contact details can be found on her website. The website address is:



http://www.helenwhately.org.uk/

Update from Tina Walker



Tina gave a presentation on the work that she has been doing. This includes work with the following organisations and programmes:

- The National and Regional Forums for People with Learning Disabilities



- Improving Health and Lives (IHAL)



- National Learning Disabilities Death Review (LeDeR) Programme

Update from Tina Walker

Q You said that the National Forum has now been given £5,000 for the Transforming Care Programme. What will the money be used for?

A Half of the money will go to families and half will go to learning disabilities.

We will use this to get standards in place at long stay hospitals.



Penny to link with Tina on this work

Update on the work around employment

Steven Chapman gave a presentation to the Board about the report that went to the Adult Social Care and Health Cabinet Committee.

This report was to look at what services are available to help vulnerable adults into employment in Kent.



Future Meetings

The next meeting has been booked for the 29th April 2016.



Graham asked the Board if they had any items they would like to discuss at future meetings.

The group suggested the following items:

- Tina Walker to report back on the work she is doing
- An update from Helen Whately (from our earlier item)
- Information on KCC's Lifespan Pathway
- The Kent Learning Disability Partnership Awards for 2016
- Transforming Care – Looking at plans being set-out for people with learning disabilities in Kent
- Joanne to bring to the next meeting:
  - The results of the vote from the VPN Cabinet. (This was work that the Cabinet thought the Kent LD Partnership should focus on)
  - Results from the Joint Health and Social Care Self-Assessment Framework.

Gay to let the GPs know that we will be monitoring the progress on the commitments made at the Health and Wellbeing Board in November 2015.

Joanne to ask Jo Jackson to put together a check list to be used when visiting the District Partnership Groups. (Jo to link with Sue Bates on this work)

Any other business

Focus group for improving health services



Malti is looking to put together a focus group of people with learning disabilities and carers and asked if the District Partnership Groups could help. The deadline is in 4 weeks.

Penny said that this focus group is aimed at adults but it is important that young people should also be involved.

Sue Bates said that she may have to go through Speaking Up groups but she could ask.

Malti will link with Sue to discuss further

Membership

Penny asked Sue to find out which members of the Board with learning disability plan to attend future meetings as we need to take into account any reasonable adjustments needed when booking rooms.



Sue to feed this information back to Joanne

Presentations

A copy of all presentations from the Kent Learning Disability Partnership Board are available on the Partnership Board's website:

www.kentldpb.org.uk



Future Meetings

Friday, 29th April 2016

Venue : **To be confirmed**
(This will either be Maidstone Community Support Centre or Sessions House, Maidstone)

12.00 noon - 2.00pm

LUNCH WILL NOT BE PROVIDED but you are welcomed to bring your lunch with you.



