

Leicester City Learning Disability Partnership Board



Minutes



**Meeting Room G01 and G02
City Hall**



Wednesday

12th April 2017

10.00am to 12.30pm

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1. Welcome and introductions

Tracie Rees and Zoe Goodwin chaired the meeting and welcomed everybody.

Everybody said their names and what they do.



- **Zoe Goodwin**
Local Leader, Mosaic
- **Tracie Rees**
Director for Care Services & Commissioning,
Leicester City Council
- **Leon Jeffers**
Local Leader, Mosaic
- **Ranjit Singh**
Local Leader, Mencap Advocacy Project
- **Helen Perry**
Advocate, Mosaic
- **Dawn Bowden**
Mosaic
- **Gill Huddlestone**
Carers Centre worker and Family Carer
- **Steph Chapman**
Family Carer
- **Lee Warner**
Head of Neighbourhood services, Leicester City
Council
- **William Baldet**
St. Philip's Centre Ltd
- **Laura Horton**
Leicestershire Centre for Integrated Living (LCIL)
- **Shamima Sidat**
Valuing People Support Assistant, Leicester City
Council

- **Shamima Essat**
Valuing People Support Assistant, Leicester City Council
- **Aaron Keen**
Values Manager, Voluntary Action Leicestershire
- **Anthony Church**
Department for Work and Pensions
- **Philomena McLarty**
Enablement Team

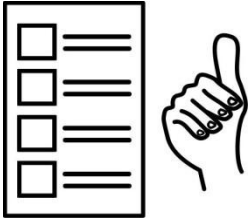
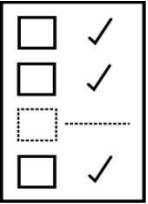



2. Apologies








(People who could not come to the meeting)

- **Councillor Rory Palmer**
Executive Lead for Adults Social Care and Deputy City Mayor
- **Mary McCausland**
Head of Care Services, Leicester City Council
- **Ann Grant**
Local Leaders, Mencap Advocacy Project
- **Darren Goddard**
Leicestershire Police
- **Stan Brown**
Family Carer
- **Julia Kew**
Primary Care Liaison Nurse
- **Donna Bishop**
Valuing People Support Assistant, Leicester City Council
- **Kavita Dholakia**
Valuing People Officer, Leicester City Council

- **Meena Ackbarally**
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	<p>3</p> <p>3.1</p>	<p>Minutes of the last meeting</p> <p>The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as correct.</p>
	<p>4</p> <p>4.1</p>	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>Previous actions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Spending review presentation – Lee Warner from Neighbourhood and Community Services will be presenting today. 2. Representation to national Government regarding Adult Social Care budget – Councillor Palmer has written a letter outlining concerns about the withdrawal of the funding. The shortfall in Council tax social care levy is also covered in the letter. 3. Question & Answer session with MPs at Partnership Board – Outstanding, to carry forward. 4. Kavita circulated the Stakeholder event flyer about the Safe, Well, Happy Partnership from Jane Parr to all.

	<p>5. We Think</p> <p>Local leaders gave We Think report.</p>
   	<p>5.1 Mark Aspey came to We Think</p> <p>Mark Aspey, the new commissioner for Learning Disabilities, came to We Think to introduce himself to the group.</p> <p>We Think asked Mark lots of questions about his new job as Learning Disabilities Commissioner, what experience he has working with people with learning disabilities and some personal questions.</p> <p>We Think enjoyed Mark coming to the group, he was easy to talk to and interested in the work that we do.</p> <p>Mark will be coming to the group to go through the Learning Disability Partnership Board Papers.</p>
<p>national forum of people with learning disabilities</p>  	<p>5.2 The Last Regional Forum</p> <p>The petition to save the National Forum for People with a Learning Disability has now been sent to the MP Councillor David Mowat. 2,529 signatures have been collected and we would like to thank everyone who took the time to sign the petition.</p> <p>Despite the petition, we attended the last Regional Forum on 15th March 2017.</p> <p>Anne read out the letter that Rory Palmer sent to David Mowat, asking how people with a Learning Disabilities voice's will be heard without the National and Regional Forums.</p>

	<p>We had an update from the last National Forum meeting in February and then celebrated all the work we have achieved over the years.</p>
  	<p>5.3 The Spring Budget 2017</p> <p>On March 8th 2017 Philip Hammond the chancellor of exchequer, announced the Spring Budget for 2017.</p> <p>We Think had a big discussion about the budget and we all had a chance to express our views and opinions.</p> <p>Everyone is worried about the future, and further cuts to services.</p> <p>We all had different information about the budget and what was happening so we read out the Spring Budget: 21 things you need to know.</p>
  	<p>5.4 Other work.</p> <p>The We Think Group members supported Councillor, Rory Palmer, by signing the letter to the Prime Minister, Theresa May, for an urgent solution to the Adult Social Care Funding Crisis.</p> <p>We completed a Health Campaign Survey for Mencap. The information will be used to support a health campaign due to be launched in May 2017.</p> <p>https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/mencaphealthsurvey</p> <p>The We Think Group have now joined Learning Disability England. This is a campaigning organisation for people with a learning disability, their families and carers and any other individuals or organisation that works for people with learning disabilities.</p>



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Carers Action Group

6.1

Steph Chapman gave an update on the National Forums. Further work has been done with Learning Disability England and a proposal has been sent by the National Forum to Learning Disability England to form a Memorandum of Understanding on how to work together in the future.

6.2

There is an urgent request made to the Department of Health from the National Forum and National Valuing Families Forum asking how they are going to engage in the future. Currently they have said that there is no funding to support transport costs for the representatives attending both Forums. Steph Chapman wanted to thank Mark Aspey for drafting the letter. One possible solution suggested was video conferencing. Steph Chapman confirmed it was on the table.

6.3

Tracie Rees expressed her interest in supporting this and said that she was sure Councillor Palmer would be happy to send another letter to the Minister if required.

6.4


Steph Chapman said that there is a potential conflict of interest surrounding settings of care. Steph said that if someone is assessed as having a 100% Health funding requirement they would receive a Personal Health Budget. Currently that person gets up to 125% of the cost of that care if they wish to use to an external provider. There is currently however a consultation for a proposal to reduce this funding to 110%, or remove it entirely. She noted that by law a Personal Health Budget can't be topped up.

Action

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	<p>Action</p>	<p>Care Policy consultation.</p> <p>Mark Aspey to send out documentation around the Settings of Care Policy consultation to the Board that helps people better understand where their funding comes from.</p> <p>6.5 Barry North wanted to pass on their thanks to Steph Chapman for her work with the Carers Action Group. A replacement will be announced sometime in the future.</p> <p>6.6 Barry talked about an information event that he attended at the Peepul Centre on the 23rd February provided by the Clinical Commissioning Group. It discussed a possibility of the General Hospital closing and merging with the Royal and Glenfield hospitals.</p> <p>6.7 Barry was concerned about how they would physically fit those extra beds in and also that the increase in traffic at the remaining 2 hospitals would add to the current parking difficulties. His biggest concern though is the increase in work for family carers due to a likely push for more care in the community in an attempt to offset this.</p> <p>6.8 Barry said that there would be a consultation sometime over the summer and he urges everyone to give their feedback.</p> <p>6.9 Steph Chapman said that although the General may be closing as a hospital, she was aware of plans for it to become a rehabilitation centre of some kind. Following this however it was confirmed that there are no current plans to close the General. The only discussions surrounding it right now are about doing things slightly differently. Important to note also that there is still a large amount of uncertainty in regards to financing for any changes at the General so nothing has yet been agreed.</p> <p>Following on from these 2 issues it was</p>
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	6.10	suggested that while there has been lots of discussion there wasn't enough hard information surrounding the topics. A request for more informed speakers on specific topics was made.
	6.11	Steph Chapman made the Board aware of a stakeholders group that was being set up as part of the Learning Disability Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) and would consist of people with Learning Disability, autism, a risk of admission and providers. Steph suggested it could be the venue for the above information although this wasn't agreed.
	6.12	The Board was then informed that it was agreed there would be 4 meetings a year specifically for carers of people with a learning disabilities, as well as existing meetings focusing on autism along with more general ones. Agendas will be confirmed.
	6.13	Finally Tony was thanked for his help with links to the Department for Work and Pensions.

	7.	Budget Update – Neighbourhood and Community Services
	7.1	Transforming Neighbourhood Services Lee Warner, Head of Neighbourhood Services presented an update on the Neighbourhood Services review.
	7.2	After the presentation Lee answered questions.

Question – What is happening to the buildings not being used?

Answer – Different things, some will go to community groups (6 so far), some will be used for workshops, others to be demolished to make space for new houses. None will stand empty.

Each area will have 1-2 showpiece buildings, such as the Pork Pie Library. They will act as hubs and accommodate several services in one location.

Question – Due to the changes, have there been any losses in services?

Answer – The main concern was that community groups could continue to use the services. Although, the review is not finished, so far have managed to keep all groups, even increasing the number of services in some areas.

Question – Why are there still empty buildings in city centre? What's happening to those?

Answer – These form part of the wider Using Buildings Better program which is looking at the city centre, so not part of this review.

Question – Are the community groups that have taken over some of the buildings being asked to pick up the maintenance costs associated with them?

Answer – Yes, however the rents are very low to offset this.

It's important that large buildings, such as the one recently vacated by Fenwicks, be filled quickly to avoid poor perceptions of the City.



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The Prevent Plan

8.1

William Baldet talked about the prevent plan. It is a Government plan to help stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism.

8.2

After the presentation William answered questions from the Board.

Question – How many people have you helped and over what sort of timeframe?

Answer – Since July 2015 over 1000 nationally have been helped. No local figures are reported.

Question – What is your success rate?

Answer – Very low re-engagement with terrorism but figure can't be reported.

Question – What happens if they don't want the help?



Answer – For those who don't want to engage, unfortunately nothing can be done. If still at school additional work can be done.

Question – Too much pressure is placed on teaching staff to report students. Hard to build trust with students, this makes it harder. Teachers aren't security staff.

Answer – It's a form of exploitation and no one would ignore sexual exploitation if that was suspected. Why not terrorism? Anonymous, professional conversations can take place. Dial 101 and ask for Prevent.

Question – Is there a possibility for a link to the Stamp It Out campaign?

Answer – Possible but the Prevent Plan doesn't deal with hate crimes and it would take time and money to filter calls at their end.

	<p>9</p> <p>9.1</p> <p>9.2</p> <p>9.3</p> <p>9.4</p>	<p>Anything else</p> <p>The Board wished it noted that they passed on their best wishes to Stan and his wife who have sadly recently lost their daughter.</p> <p>It was also noted the Board passed on their thanks to Jo Burke in her role as Carers Officer, who has left the council.</p> <p>An update on Hastings Road was requested and Tracie Rees responded by confirming options are still being considered and that no decision has yet been made. Until then it's business as normal. No date could be provided for the decision.</p> <p>It was agreed that a Health colleague would be invited to the next meeting to speak more on issues covered in the meeting.</p>
	<p>10</p>	<p>Meeting dates in 2017:</p> <p>5th July 2017 4th October 2017</p> <p>Time: 10:00 to 12:30pm Venue: Main Hall, City Hall, 115 Charles Street Leicester LE1 1FZ</p>

Actions

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