





North Yorkshire Learning Disability Partnership Board

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	<p>These are the minutes for the North Yorkshire Learning Disability Partnership Board on Friday 5 July 2019. We met at the Street, Scarborough.</p>
	<p>Welcome and Introductions</p> <p>Sam Suttar and Jim Martin welcomed us. Sam explained the meeting rules. Jim told us about what we will do today.</p>
	<p>2. Previous Minutes and Actions</p> <p>We agreed the minutes from our last meeting were accurate. We talked about actions since the last meeting. The action log is attached.</p>
	<p>3. Health and Adult Services – Big Ideas.</p> <p>Shanna said North Yorkshire County Council is talking about what Health and Adult Services will look like in 2025. They have three big ideas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities for everybody. • Everybody’s time and experience is valued. • Home First <p>We talked about the ideas in groups and what we thought was important. See notes for what we said.</p>



4. Keeping People Safe

We talked about Whorlton Hall where people with disabilities were treated very badly. Niki and Jamie talked about work to make sure this does not happen to people in North Yorkshire.

Self-advocates are working with Inclusion North to make easy read books about Keeping Safe and how to report abuse.

Sam said some people who call the contact centre about possible safeguarding do not understand the questions that are asked. We said that staff at the contact centre need training on questions to ask people with a learning disability. This could be included in the easy read books.

Katie said these workers were not necessarily bad when they started off. The concern is if you accept poor practice it is a slippery slope.



5. Live Well Live Longer Delivery Group

Sam, Christopher, Jane and Mark gave a presentation about the Live Well Live Longer action plans. Christopher said the group is definitely worthwhile and it is worth the money. They are doing a lot of hard work.

The Board approved the following finished work with the official Partnership Board stamp:

- Accessible information blog.
- Accessible information standard letter.
- Easy read photo consent form.

Karen said Christopher has written a very good blog on accessible information. The link is:

<https://www.keyring.org/news/why-the-accessible-information-standard-is-so-important.aspx>



6. Consultation about paying for social care – what the council has decided to do.

Anton Hodge from North Yorkshire County Council told us about some changes by the Council to the way they charge for services.

The Council are doing this to save money. We had to save £170 million. NYCC still have to cut funding but not as much as before.

Council will now charge more for transport to services and also charge when people need two carers. People asked lots of questions:

- 1. What is a financial assessment?** How much you pay for social care depends upon how much money you have. The Council will ask how much money you have to help decide how much you pay.
- 2. Are benefits included in a financial assessment?** All the money you receive is looked at. Niki said that transport charges are not part of the financial assessment.
- 3. What does austerity mean?** This is when the government gives the Council less money to pay for services for people than it needs. The Council then has to find savings.

Anton's presentation is on the Partnership Board website.



7. Self advocates feedback from their areas. Scarborough, Whitby, Ryedale Local Area Group

Graham gave a presentation on how important hospital passports are. Hospital passports do not cover all hospitals in the county. Jim said the passports should be used in any hospital.

We said we could talk to providers and carers to ask if this happens to them.

He asked if the Partnership Board could approach all hospitals advising them that the information on a hospital passport is relevant. We will talk about these ideas at the North Yorkshire Health Task Group.



Selby Local Area Group

Jane gave a presentation on scamming. She asked if anybody would like to sign up to be a scam marshal. If anybody is interested they can contact Shanna.

Jane asked if we should do Top Tips to make people aware of scamming. We said we will talk about this in local groups.



Hambleton/Richmondshire Local Area Group

Celestino and Mary gave a presentation on consent. Kim said people need to understand that when photographs are on the internet they can be seen by people all over the world. This includes photos taken at meetings.



People may agree to have their photo taken but not know how far the photographs can go. We need to make sure when we sign a consent form what exactly we are agreeing to.

Key Ring can help self advocates but how can we make sure other organisations are having the same discussions with other people.

Jonathan said it would be a good idea to put something in the *Live Well Live Longer* Action Plan about how commissioners can talk to providers about this. The Board agreed.

Jamie said Twitter and Facebook can be good way of telling people about what we do. Sharing photos around the world is ok if everybody is in agreement. Katie agreed and said that a lot of the tweets have been picked up by Learning Disability England. It is very important that we think about this as an extension of our voices.



Craven/Harrogate Local Area Group

Christopher gave a presentation on what is good about our lives. A big part of our discussion was around having a job. In the presentation, he asked two big questions:

1. What is North Yorkshire County Council doing themselves to employ people with a learning disability or autism?
2. Can someone from the council come and tell us what they are doing to make sure more people with a learning disability or autism in North Yorkshire have a job?



Hayden said Children and Families Inclusion have a pilot scheme with NYCC. This provides supported internships in Harrogate. They hope to be on the approved provider list. They also have a supported employment agency. Some one from Children and Families Inclusion could go to the Local Area Groups or come to the next Partnership Board to talk about their plans.

Katie asked what reasonable adjustments NYCC is making for people with a learning disability. This includes using easy read for letters and application forms.

Jonathan said Health and Adult Services have been working on an Employment Strategy but the work on this has not got very far. He suggested the Partnership Board could write to the Assistant Directors to ask where this work has gone? What is happening?

Shanna suggested the letter is sent to Assistant Directors and Director Richard Webb. The letter should include Katie's question. The letter will also include what the Board wants to happen next. The Board agreed.

Action Christopher to write a letter to the three Assistant Directors: Dale Owens, Chris Jones-King and Rachel Bowes, copy to Richard Webb. Jonathan will talk to the Assistant Directors about the letter.

We also want to know what jobs within NYCC people with a learning disability do – this includes volunteering as well as paid jobs.



Christopher said he used to work for NYCC. When he left NYCC they did say they would provide a reference but he has still not received it. Katie said that Christopher's present job was delayed due to lack of a reference.

Action *Shanna will follow this up.*



8. North Yorkshire Health Task Group

Jane told us about the meeting in York in April.

At the meeting Allison Brown and Christopher talked about people with learning disabilities dying too soon and the Learning Disabilities Mortality Review (LeDeR) programme. We said it would be good to have updates from the LeDeR steering group on the health task group agenda at each meeting.

We talked about how our local health task groups can work better for everyone.

Christopher told us about the Bradford Healthier Lives group. They had a talk about constipation.

The Task Group also talked about the health part of the 'Live Well, Live Longer' action plan.



9. Flying High Self Advocacy Group

Jordan and Deborah came from the Flying High Group. It is a group of disabled young adults aged 14 - 25 years. It shares ideas to make things better for young disabled people in North Yorkshire. They meet at half term in Harrogate. A group has just been set up in Scarborough.

Shanna said it would be good if Flying High was better connected to the Partnership Board. The two groups have similar interests for example public transport. Hopefully somebody from Flying High will go to our Local Area Groups. It would also be good if Flying High self-advocates joined our adult Self Advocate Groups when they are 25. Jordan said hopefully more people will attend the next Partnership Board meeting.

Niki asked how people can find out more about Flying High. Jordan said to send an email to VIP@northyorks.gov.uk.



10. Updating the Partnership Board logo

Jamie updated everyone on work to make a new logo for the Partnership Board as we agreed at our last meeting. All the Local Area Groups told us what they thought of the old logo and what they wanted for a new one.

Self advocates gave great feedback. They said we need something simple. They said the old logo was too busy and the writing too small. They wanted something with a handshake that was in a circle. Jamie said the old logo also does not work well on the internet so we need something that is very clear.

The Communication Unit listened to everybody's ideas. The logo is a green circle with two hands shaking. Everybody liked the new logo and agreed that we should use it from now on.



11. Nominations for Partnership Board Co-chairs and Vice Co-chairs.

We will have an election for co-chairs and vice co-chairs at the next Partnership Board meeting in October 2019. KeyRing will help people to complete an application form.

Jim said the roles are a responsibility. You have to be able to attend the three meetings during the year. The meetings are in a different venue each time. You have to help plan the agendas for the meetings. You have to have the ability to accept change. You may have to attend a planning meeting.

Natasha asked when we will know the dates of the meetings for 2020. Jamie said we will know before the end of 2019.



12. Summing Up

Jim summed up the meeting and actions. Everybody completed the feedback forms.



Our next meeting.

Our next Partnership Board meeting is Friday 25th October, 2019, in Selby.

People at our meeting today

Self-advocates	KeyRing
Sam Suttar	Karen Murray
Natasha Nathan	Kim Sanders
Christopher Porter	Jodie Sarfraz
Sam Sellers	
Jane Miles	LAG Co-Chairs
Rebecca Buckle	Steve Grant – Selby LAG
Amanda Hamblin	Katie Peacock – C&H LAG
Mark Hamblin	Thelma Thomas – H&R LAG
Mary Dodsworth	Jim Martin - SWR LAG
Deborah Dingleby	
Graham Cox	Services
Celestino Cansado Fernandez (and Steve Burke)	Hadyn Moorby-Davies - Harrogate Skills4 Living Centre
	Ruth Collin and Bev Wilson – Avalon
NYCC	Katrina Taylor – MENCAP
Shanna Carrell	Michelle Hart - CVT
Jamie Bannister	Lesley Dixon
Lorraine Rhodes McNeill	
Karen Storey	
Jonathon Prince	
Alex Day	
Ben Mayes	
Mark Haynes	
Niki Benstead	
Jordan Protano-Byrne	
Anton Hodge	
Apologies: Sue Lear, Lindsay Allen, Margaret Webb.	