

Learning Disability Partnership Board



Minutes from our meeting on 8 November 2023



Definition

'Minutes' are notes from the meeting that tell you what we talked about, and what we decided to do.



People who came to the meeting



Luci Maxwell-Stewart – Speak Out



Frances Sulikosky – Speak Out, Engagement Coordinator



Pagane Gacheva – Grace Eyre, Our Voices Coordinator



Will Davies - Speak Out, CEO



Lorraine Hughes – Council



Fiona England – Parent Carer's Council, Representative



Karen Kimberly – Sussex Partnership
NHS Trust, Clinical Service Manager &
Specialist Occupational Therapist



Steve Hook – Council, Assistant Director
for Operational Services in Adult Social
Care



Lou Aish – Council, Commissioning
Manager



Richard Stevenson – Council, Team
Manager 25+ Pod



Naomi Cox – Grace Eyre, Operational
Services



Steve Castellari – Carers Centre,
Engagement Lead



Ian Metherell – Speak Out, Link Group



Natalie Baldwin – Council, Community
Health Trainer



Jane Viner – Council, Learning Disability
Health Facilitator



Jess Harper – Council, Engagement
Lead



Tom Conroy – Grace Eyre



Cameron Brown - Council, Head of Service 25+ and Specialist Clinical Services



Sarah Digon – Council Specialist Community Disability Team, Inclusive Communication Officer



Francisco Vidal – Southdown, Operations Manager



Julie Rossiter – Grace Eyre, Director of Income Generation



Josh Puglia – Grace Eyre, Accessible Transport Panel



Sarah Podmore – Council, Health Promotion Specialist



Diana Mills – Speak Out



Lorne Power – Council, Autism Strategy



Debbie Endersby – East Sussex Partnership Board



Amber Perkin – East Sussex Partnership Board



Zofia Danin – Council, Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Officer



Diana Walles – Council



Michael Robinson – Speak Out



Chris Brown – Council, Accessible City Strategy



People who could not come to the meeting



Georgina Carke-Green, Council,
Assistant Director Health, SEN &
Disability



Rhianedd Hughes – Council, Head of
SEN Statutory Service



Jenny Cain – Council, Commissioning
Officer



Victoria Garcia – Brighton & Hove
Buses and Metrobuses, Accessibility &
Communities Manager



Carla Butler – Council, Head of Skills
and Employment



Dean Thomas-Bines – Achieve
Together, Head of Area Operations



Penny Hawes – NHS



Shanni Collins – Council



Vanessa de Guzman – Parent Carer's
Council



Beulah Nyatoro – NHS Sussex, Head
of LDA Programme and Strategic Lead

How these minutes work



Important information will be in blue, so you can see it easily. These are things like definitions of difficult words, decisions we make, or where you can find further information.



Actions will be in red, for the same reason.



Definition

An **'action'** is a task that somebody at the meeting is supposed to do. We try and achieve these tasks between each meeting.

Have we done what we said we would do last meeting?



Frances has shared the minutes and information on the Speak Out website here: <https://www.bhspeakout.org.uk/linkgroupandpartnership-board/>



Frances has created a 'Padlet' website to share work between meetings here: <https://padlet.com/francesulikosky/brighton-and-hove-learning-disability-partnership-board-j6d39kwtggjqoxn>



Frances and Jess have connected with East and West Sussex Boards to learn from them. Amber and Debbie joined from East Sussex to watch our meeting today.



Steve Hook invited Councillors Tristram Burden and Bruno De Oliveira to the meetings. Councillor Olivera has said he will come. He is chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board.



Link Group has been working well with the Information and Advice working group.



Action

Steve Hook will confirm with Frances once the vote to extend the 'Big Plan' Learning Disability strategy has been confirmed by the Health and Wellbeing so she can share. It has been agreed, it is just a formality now.



Action

Frances will follow up with Sally from Amaze about inviting more young people to the Partnership Board.

Link Group update for November



The Link Group gave a presentation about what has been happening for some of the Learning Disability community since the last meeting.



This presentation is available if you email info@bhspeakout.org.uk . It is also on the Padlet.



Meeting about The Reach at Grace Eyre

Some people were worried about the changes to Grace Eyre care and support programme. Pagane invited people to come to a meeting at Grace Eyre to get more information and discuss the changes. **28 November 2023 at Grace Eyre. Email pgacheva@grace-eyre.org**



Fiona thanked the Link Group for presenting and sharing about the issues they were facing. She asked that the meeting prioritise responding to these issues.



Action

Jess and Frances will pass on main points / questions from Link Group presentation to the right working groups or council teams.

Presentation about the Autism Partnership Board – Lorne Power



Lorne gave a presentation about the work that has been happening in the Autism Partnership Board. This is a lot like the Learning Disability Partnership Board.



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Lorne told us that the Autism Board has come up with 6 areas of focus. These are similar to The Big Plan for learning disability. People talked about ways we could all work together to achieve things for both communities.



Action

Josh and Lorne will meet to talk about making travel accessible for people with autism.



Action

Luci asked for information about LGBT groups for people with autism. Lorne has sent this on.



Pagane raised the need for adults with autism to get more support to find and stay in employment.



Fiona raised a point about working with children and the Council's 'Short Breaks' document.



Action

Lorne and Fiona will organise a meeting about children, along with Lorraine.



Lou asked if the Autism Board would work in a similar way to this Partnership Board with 6 different working groups. Lorne said they would and that the different working groups from each board may cross over and / or want to work together, learn from each other.



Chris told us about the Accessible City Strategy that was also going on. She said that Brighton and Hove Buses are keen to support accessible transport. Jess and her are working on this.



They have also met with the Chamber of Commerce, a group representing business locally. They said they were really interested in being accessible, but might need help on how to do that.



Kevin and his carer raised that they had been made late by someone parking in a blue badge parking spot and refusing to move for him. Frances said that this behaviour causes problems for a lot of Speak Out members too.



They said it would be good to have the Council police and enforce parking better, and know how to report people parking illegally.



Action

Chris and Zofia have already sent information on about how to report this in the future.

Presentation about Grace Eyre Employment and Skills programs – Tom Conroy



Tom gave a presentation about the Grace Eyre programs that help people learn skills for employment and using numbers.



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Lou asked about the numbers of employers involved in the program. Tom said there are opportunities to scale up.



Action

Steve C and Tom will talk about how these Grace Eyre programmes relate to carers.

Update from Information and Advice working group – Lou Aish (filling in for Jenny Cain)



Lou gave an update on what the Information and Advice working group has been doing recently.



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Action

Fiona asked for some timescales around the survey and other work. Jenny/Lou to provide.

Update from Housing and Support working group – Lou Aish



Lou gave an update on what the Housing and Support working group has been doing recently.



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Action

Fiona and Lou to meet about how the Parent Carers' Council on information about and feedback on housing. Fiona can contribute to the event for housing providers.



Jane said it would be good for new housing developments to connect with the local GP practice so that any new residents with learning disability could be signed up and looked after.



Action

Jane and Lou to talk about how to get housing developers talking to local GP practices.



Luci said that she knew people that couldn't get housing because there was not enough housing. Lou said they are aware of this problem and were trying to fix it by getting more specialist housing built.

Other notices or comments?



Easy read quality check drop in

Pagane said that if people wanted help making documents more accessible, Grace Eyre were running an easy read drop in on the first Thursday of every month. People can review your work and give you feedback.



Frances advised that Amaze have just completed some consultation work with young people. They would like to share their findings next meeting.



Action

Frances will talk to Sally about including the Amaze consultation and feedback in the agenda for next meeting.



Action

Steve Hook has said he will provide some clear information for people about the council's debt and finances next meeting.



The meeting agreed that the new set-up of the room (in table groups rather than a 'U' shape) was better. We will continue this next meeting.

Find out more about the Partnership Board



If you want to find out more about the Learning Disability Partnership Board or Speak Out, please contact:



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