

Meeting of the Board of the LD Partnership




21st March 2019






Present





Joanna Tubb	Justin Hackney	Mick Skipworth	Chris Buckley
Marie O'Sullivan	Rob Barber	David Bean	David Sheardown
Richard Eccles	Sue Green	Janet Collins	



Apologies:



Sheridan Dodsworth	Coralie Cross	John Gurney
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	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Minutes of the meeting on 5th December</u></p> <p>These were agreed, except for two small changes that need making;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It should say that copies of the minutes go on the LD Partnership website, not the Total Voice website. • Linca (Lincolnshire Care Association) should be named in full in the minutes so that people understand what it is. <p>Actions from the meeting</p>	
	<p>Day Services</p> <p>The day services project has not started yet but there will be a co-production group set up when it does begin.</p>	Mick to liaise with Gina Thompson.
	<p>Talking Books</p> <p>Justin said that he still hasn't seen how the Talking Books scheme works. We should also see if other LCC staff can attend a Talking Books session and if a video can be made.</p>	Justin to talk to Marie at Total Voice to arrange a meeting.

	<p>Health Charter Justin has shared the Health Charter with the Lincolnshire Care Association (Linca).</p>	<p>Melanie from Linca will promote the Health Charter with providers.</p>
	<p>Contact with Service Providers Rob got a copy of a provider contact list from the Commercial Team but Marie said that she also needs the location details for the providers.</p>	<p>Justin and Marie to discuss this when they meet up.</p>
	<p>Welfare Benefits David Bean said that he needs contact details for the Job Centre Plus so that he can speak to them about benefit changes.</p>	<p>Mick to provide David with the contact details.</p>
	<p>Adults Commissioning Strategy Justin asked the group if they had a better understanding of the strategy as a result of the new LDP model.</p> <p>People said that it is a complicated agenda but they are now making more sense of it. People also feel more linked in with the work going on and that it is more joined up now.</p>	<p>Total Voice to keep checking that people in the LDP understand the strategy and feel part of it.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Agenda</u></p> <p>Annual Review of the LDP Mick gave details about some of the good things that have been achieved by the LDP this year.</p> <p>One of the main things is that the Voices For All meetings are now much better – people feel more involved and there has been a big increase in the number of people who attend them.</p> <p>Two of the meetings were about Health and Wellbeing and people gave lots of information about what works well and things that could be better or which they find difficult.</p> <p>The Board agreed that it was really good that David Sheardown attended the National Children's and</p>	<p>Mick to send Justin the dates of future Voices For All meetings to see if he can attend.</p> <p>Total Voice to check who</p>

	<p>Adult Services Conference in 2018. Justin said that we should see if someone can attend the Conference again in 2019.</p> <p>Mick said that there has been a delay setting up the new LDP website because LCC are introducing a new system. Other communication with people is improving and the LDP has helped to co-produce easy read information about the Complaints Policy and Volunteer Guidance.</p>	<p>would like to attend the Conference.</p> <p>Mick to check if the easy read document is available to the public and share with Justin.</p>
	<p>Adult Care Commissioning Priorities</p> <p>Mick shared some details that explained about each of the main projects in the Adult Care Commissioning Strategy. It showed what progress has been made and what the Partnership is doing. The progress for each project was highlighted by scoring it red, amber or green, like a traffic light system.</p>	
  	<p>Housing</p> <p>Justin said that Adult Care is now more involved in making plans about accommodation. An easy read version of a housing needs questionnaire will be made so that we can ask people with learning disabilities about what people want and what good design looks like.</p> <p>Shared Lives</p> <p>Lorraine Abbott helped to evaluate the tenders for the contract and a new provider is now in place.</p> <p>Day Support</p> <p>This project is due to start very soon and we need to make sure that the Partnership is involved.</p> <p>Employment</p> <p>LCC is commissioning an employment project called STEP that will aim to help people with learning disabilities who would like to work. There will also be an event in June at Lincoln College called 'Getting Involved' so people can find out about activities, volunteering and employment opportunities that are available.</p>	<p>Mick to check what is happening with the housing questionnaire.</p> <p>Justin and Total Voice to set up a meeting to discuss this.</p>

	<p>Priorities for the LDP</p> <p>Joanna said that all of the projects are really important but the Board needs to think about which ones are the biggest priority. That way the LDP can plan better and spend more time on the most important things it needs to look at this year.</p> <p>The Board discussed all of the projects and agreed that the priority ones for this year should be;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carers • Health and Wellbeing • Employment – this project needs to be changed so it is called Employment and Volunteering 	
	<p>Support for Family Carers</p> <p>Mick gave a summary about the main comments that family carers have made about the things that are important. This information has been gathered from different sources, like the annual carers survey.</p> <p>The key things are that carers need to be involved in decisions about care and they need support in their own right. Carers First also don't have any special focus on lifelong carers and there are a limited number of carer support groups. There needs to be a dedicated source of information and advice for carers.</p> <p>Some general comments are that carers often feel exhausted and find it very difficult to go back to work once they start a caring role.</p> <p>We need to find new ways to link carers into the new LDP model, as they don't attend the open meetings (Voices For All) as much anymore. Justin suggested that there needs to be a specific carers group as part of the LDP model.</p> <p>It was asked if there is any help for carers to fill in paperwork. Joanna said that work is being done so that the job of filling in financial assessments is made easier. This issue needs to be included in the plan to support carers.</p>	<p>Mick to send out the summary report about the things that carers think are important</p> <p>Bring a project plan back to the Board so it can agree how to improve support for carers.</p>

	<p>Any Other Business David Sheardown said that it would be good if everyone who goes to the Voices For All meetings had a badge to show who they are and help to promote the meetings.</p>	<p>Justin agreed to try to find some money to pay for the badges.</p>
	<p>Next Meeting: Thursday 6th June, 2-4pm, Meeting Room 1, Orchard House, Lincoln</p>	