Wakefield Learning Disability and Autism Partnership Board

Meeting held on Thursday 25th January 2018

Present: 29 people

Apologies: 4 people

Copy for Information: 28 people

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<td>One of the self-advocates Co-chaired the meeting and reminded everyone not to use jargon and to keep words plain and easy to understand. They also explained how to use the Traffic Light Cards and asked everyone to turn off mobile phones or put them on silent.</td>
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<td>- <strong>Budget challenges</strong> – Discussion around budget challenges. This will not be just about Wakefield Council. It will also be for the Wakefield Clinical Commissioning Group and other partners to share what is happening in their organisations. <strong>This will be covered in a future themed meeting about commissioning.</strong></td>
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Wakefield Council is in the process of setting the budget and some difficult discussions and decisions will have to be made. Please click on the following link to watch the ‘Live Streams’.  
• A SWYPFT Representative will be arranging to meet Lift Up Friends shortly.

• **Criminal Justice System** – We don’t know if the Police employ anyone with learning disabilities there are 2 student officers with Aspergers. **Action – One of the Police representatives will try to find out more.**

Custody Services have had some discussions around training in autism for officers but that is as far as it has gone for the moment. The Police Representative will keep us informed. **Action – Total Voice agreed to pass details on to the Police for WAVE the Peer Support Group for people with autism. They have already run some training sessions for other organisations.**

One of the Task and Finish Groups will be set up to look at the whole pathway through the Criminal Justice System for people with learning disabilities and autism. They will also look at different ways of communicating and possible adjustments that could be made.

Lift Up Friends are having a visit to a Police Station next week. They will tell us what happened next time.

• **Advocacy Contract** – The advocacy contract has been completed and the successful organisation that will now be responsible for all advocacy services is Together for Mental Wellbeing. Steve Warburton is on the agenda today to talk about the new service.

• **My Life Framework** – This is a list of approved providers who can deliver care services on behalf of Wakefield Council. Please see attached.

• **Training in Systematic Instruction** – Andrew Hedge explained what this is. It is training for potential employers, which provides skills to help them find the best way of supporting an individual with high support needs in the workplace.
### Department for Work and Pensions – Community Champions and Partners for Learning Disabilities and Autism – Andrew Hedge

Andrew explained his role and how he works with different organisations and different schemes to help and support people in Wakefield to get a job. His daughter has been diagnosed with autism so he has a particular interest in this area.

Shaw Trust is a national charity which provides specialist support to people with learning disabilities to help them find and stay in a job.

Some of the other schemes Andrew has experience in are Supported Placement Schemes, Work Choice and Work Step.

The Department for Work and Pensions is very busy at the moment with the introduction of Universal Credit which goes ‘live’ in June this year.

There have been a lot of negative comments about Universal Credit, but it will be more flexible and could mean better outcomes for people with learning disabilities.

**Action – Lift Up Friends** want to visit a job centre and put forward suggestions to make improvements for people with learning disabilities. Andrew wants to visit Lift Up Friends and the WAVE Group.

### Outcome of the Partnership Board Review and priorities – Lisa Willcox and Nicci Pearce

7 forms were returned and the results are as follows.

1. **Keeping Safe** – This could be a workshop which could be opened up to more people that are interested.
2. **Commissioning (Money – what we buy)**
3. **Autism** – We need to engage with people with autism so we need to look at different ways of involving them.
4. **Care and Support Providers** – Possibly form a group for different providers. They could share
costs and resources around training etc.

4 Employment
5 Transitions
6 Criminal Justice Services

For the workshops, we will ask the most appropriate people or person to run them.

The Safeguarding Adults Board has some funding available to use on workshops and training across Wakefield. We will ask them if they will fund a Keeping Safe workshop.

Everyone split into 4 smaller groups to discuss the priorities.

Action – Please see attached to find out what was agreed.

Agreed – The Patient Experience Group, Strategic Health Group, Carers Delivery Group and the self-advocacy groups will carry on meeting.

6 Learning Disability Mortality Review Update – Marie Gibb and Laura Elliott

A copy of the presentation was sent out with the agenda.

Marie reminded everyone that the review was set up to look at the reasons behind the deaths of people with learning disabilities across the different areas in Yorkshire and Humber and learn how they could have been avoided. The good news is Wakefield is very good at reporting a death.

They are always looking for reviewers in Wakefield. Reviewers have to do the reviews as well as their everyday job. Because of this, Some money has been given to Spectrum who has agreed to take on about 100 reviews in Yorkshire and Humber. This doesn’t include the ones that are waiting for a multi-agency review.

Action – Marie is happy to come back with an update on a regular basis. Next time she will bring information on cases, ages, where they lived and what
we could have done differently. She will also bring information on what has been done well.

There is an all-day LeDeR learning and sharing event on 27\textsuperscript{th} April for Yorkshire and Humber. 5 places have been allocated for each area. Unfortunately that’s all the details we have at the moment but we let you know when we receive more details.

**Action** – Marie and Laura will be attending but there are 3 more places. Let Sara or Marie know if you are interested.

### 7 New Advocacy Provider – Together for Mental Wellbeing – Steve Warburton

A copy of the presentation was sent out with the agenda.

Steve attended on behalf of Tracy Moss, Operations and Development Manager for Together for Mental Wellbeing. Tracy grew up locally in Ossett and has worked with the Together Independent Mental Capacity Advocacy Service for 10 years.

The services they offer are as follows:

- Independent advocacy for people who are not able to say what they want to happen when serious decisions have to be made.
- Paid Relevant Persons Representative (PRPR) for residents in a care home that have been authorised to remain there for their own safety by the local authority.
- Independent Mental Health Advocacy for people who are detained in hospital for treatment and patients who are treated in the community.
- Care Act Advocacy for people who have a lot of difficulty in getting their point across and understanding the decision they need to make about their care.
- Group Advocacy. Connecting with existing groups in the Wakefield District that want support to understand advocacy.
They will also be recruiting volunteers.

They will support people who are assessed as having substantial difficulty or a lack of mental capacity to make a specific decision regarding care and support planning, serious medical treatment or a change of accommodation.

**Referrals to the service**

For mental health patients - the advocate will be on the ward to make sure all patients are being offered an advocate. Ward staff will also be expected to refer their new patients to the service.

For other people – Referrals from Adult Social Care and health practitioners. For people who don’t have any family or friends.

They don’t work with family members who do not agree with the person's wishes and values or who are not acting in the Mental Capacity Act’s best interest framework.

If you want to find out more about the service please contact 01924 361050.

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**Learning Disability VIP Scheme – Marie Gibb and Catherine Horbury**

A copy of the presentation was sent out with the agenda.

Marie read through her presentation which included a link to a video about the scheme. Please click on the following link. [VIP Scheme Overview](#).

**VIP Hospital Passport Relaunch and Annual Health Check Leaflet Launch** - This will take place on Friday 2\(^{nd}\) February in the Trust Headquarters at Pinderfields Hospital. So far about 115 people have booked a place. There is a good mix of people with learning disabilities, family carers, health professionals and carer organisations.

You will also be able to fill in the Hospital Passport online but you still need to take a paper copy with you to appointments or when you go into hospital.
Marie has shared the Hospital Passport across Yorkshire and Humber and some sections have been used by other vulnerable groups.

Marie will let us know how the launch went next time.

The Learning Disability Health Teams are involved in a pilot where they are supporting GP practices with Annual Health Checks. They will be looking what the barriers are and how they can be overcome.

The number of Annual Health Checks for young people aged 14 in Wakefield is not very good so Marie will be working on this to improve awareness.

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Any Other Business

**New Law for Data Protection** – A new law will be coming out which will tell us how we must look after the personal information we hold about you. This could be your name, address or email address. We are still waiting to find out more about the law.

One of the things we will need to do is to ask each member of the Board if they still want to receive all the papers and information for Board meetings or anything else we think would be useful to know. We will be sending out a form for you to complete which will tell us if you still want to receive the information or not. If you do not return the form you will not receive any more information.

**Action** – Please complete the Consent Form when you receive it and return it as soon as you can. If you do not fill in and return the form, you will not receive any more information about the Partnership Board.

**Changes to the Blue Badge eligibility criteria** – The government is thinking about changing the eligibility criteria for the Blue Badge scheme to include people with non-physical conditions. This is part of the government’s objective to make sure those people with the greatest need have access to the scheme. The consultation ends on 18th March at 11:45 pm. Please click on the following link to the consultation. [http://bit.ly/2G1Vg78](http://bit.ly/2G1Vg78).
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