Learning Disability Partnership Board

Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club

7 March 2019
People who were at the meeting

Sonia Reed  Co-Chair/Involvement Matters Team
Debbie Endersby  Co-Chair
Graham Oliver  Involvement Matters Team
Ruth Mowbray  Involvement Matters Team
Tanya Norton  Involvement Matters Team
Dominic Steel  Involvement Matters Team
Daniel Randall-Nason  Involvement Matters Team
Sarah Gordy  Involvement Matters Team
Tim Sully  Involvement Matters Team
Mikey Reynolds  Involvement Matters Team
Toby Evans  Involvement Matters Team
Jeanette Gallivan-Young  Adult Social Care
Richard Lewis  Adult Social Care
Sam Davies  DWP
Neil Massey  DWP
Ann Tidbury  DWP
Andrew Phillips  Parchment Trust
Claire Piper  Amaze
Bryony Wilkinson  Amaze
Clare Leahy  Kent, Surrey & Sussex Learning Disability Community of Practice
Jane Earnshaw  Little Gate Farm – Supported Employment
Danny Connolly  PohWER
Melanie Reeve  Avenues Group
Doreen Forward  Avenues Group
Natalie Coker  Gilda Close
Sharon Pooley  Gilda Close
Valentine Sharpe  Steyne Road
Fraser Cooper  Adult Social Care _ Commissioner
Tania Hudson  Adult Social Care - Training
Louis Wiggett  Hastings & Rother Community Learning Disability Team
Welcome and Introductions

Sonia and Debbie welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising

Debbie said the previous minutes were on the East Sussex Learning Disability website and copies were also available to takeaway. The notes of the previous meeting were agreed.

Debbie told the board about 2 consultations.

Have Your Say consultation - LD and Autism, training for health and care staff available online to complete.

The government wants to know your views on how they can make sure that health and social care staff have the right training to understand the needs of people with a learning disability and autism.

See link below (control and click)

Learning disability and autism training for health and care staff - GOV.UK
The Big Learning Disability Survey
Mencap are running the first national survey of people with a learning disability in 15 years
See link below (control and click)
The Big Learning Disability Survey | Mencap

Brian Clifford shared details of the Charleston Project which still has places left for April and May.

Update From the Involvement Matters Team

Debbie invited IMT members to tell us what has been happening since we last met.

Graham is going to The Proms and has applied for a chance to be on The Undateables T.V. programme.
Graham shared his Moving & Handling certificate and 1st place medal from It’s a Knockout!

Sonia received ‘man of the match’ (we thought it should be woman or person!) after her first game of football with 3 goals and they won the game!

Sonia shared her Food Hygiene certificate level 2 and talked about her involvement in presenting at LD Today.
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<th>Sonia introduced a new member to IMT, Tania, who is our 2\textsuperscript{nd} recruited Expert By Experience.</th>
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<td>Toby continues to work 3 days a week. It was great that he was able to come along to the LDPB today as he is usually working hard at Wilko’s!</td>
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<td>Tim has been invited to a new bible study group which he is enjoying and he’s breeding his pet shrimps, at least 100 +!</td>
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<td>Dominic is working on his goals at the Parchment Trust – he is arranging a trip away for the weekend in a B &amp; B and also arranging a trip to the Brighton sewers tour!</td>
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<td>Daniel talked about his attendance at the Gig Buddy’s AGM.</td>
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Mikey promoted his Delta 7even CD for sale and shared details of IMT’s recent visit to Little Gate Farm and that his band would be performing at the upcoming festival there.

Ruth has completed a 4 week admin course and had received a certificate through ‘Let’s Get Working’.

Sarah has been nominated for ‘Woman of the Year’ award in Brighton and has received an MBE presented by Prince William.

Sarah shared a video clip of her acceptance speech to receiving her Honorary Doctorate from Nottingham University.
IMT and Jeanette shared details of other activities they have been involved with:

- Co-delivery of ASC Introduction to Learning Disabilities training with Tania Hudson

- Hate Crime Advisory Group with the Foundation for people with learning disabilities

- Sonia and Dominic represented IMT at the Springwell Movie launch

- Community Connecting visit to Little Gate Farm.

- IMT reps presented at LD Today with the Foundation for people with Learning Disabilities

- LD Today visit IMT!

On behalf of the LDPB, Debbie thanked Jeanette and IMT for their brilliant and hard work.
Sonia welcomed and introduced Clare who talked to us about networks in other areas.

Clare Leahy – BILD shared details and information about the Kent, Surrey and Sussex Learning Disability Community of Practice (KSSCOP) The KSS LD CoP is a group set up by local people who care about people with learning disabilities experiencing good health and wellbeing, and good health services. Clare also shared a video ‘Sustaining our Community’ which can be viewed here: https://vimeo.com/277263727

Full details will be shared on The Kent Surrey Sussex Learning Disability Community of Practice Facebook page and group which you can request to join https://www.facebook.com/groups/KSSCoP/

Sonia introduced Richard who shared details on Key meetings in East Sussex for the Learning Disability Community:

- Learning Disability Partnership Board
- IMT
- Autism Partnership Board
- Local Network Meetings – Hastings meetings run successfully however they are less well attended in Uckfield and Eastbourne. We have looked at feedback and what can be done to improve attendance in these two areas.
- Behaviour Support Network – to ensure we are all acting in line with government guidelines and sharing good practice
| **Learning Disability Provider Forum** | meetings for providers / senior managers for information sharing  
User Groups – there will be many groups with some involvement but many more to find out about.  
FPLD – Foundation for people with Learning Disabilities – ongoing IMT involvement nationally |
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| **Q & A** | Learning Disability Network Meetings – After some discussion, it was agreed that it was important for these key network meetings to be supported to continue with the exception of the network meetings in Uckfield and Eastbourne due to low attendance numbers over the last 18 months.  
A self-advocate raised the issue of budget cuts and how they affect people with learning disabilities. She said that anyone facing discrimination or service cuts should contact an advocacy rep for support. |
| | Sonia welcomed Helen and Rhona to talk about how the Learning Disability Skills Development and Employment Pathway (SDEP) Directly Provided Service are supporting people to develop their skills and get into employment.  
Presentation link attached here: |
Rhona & Helen handed out a sample of recruitment packs (which includes full contact details for anyone interested) and shared a video showing adults/trainees working in the Skills Development Employment Pathway and their feedback on their individual experiences.

Helen and Rhona told us about access to the SDEP, it is for a set period of time usually a 12 month programme, with a set timetable following a set of ‘skilled up modules’ to expand on life skills such as:

- Health and safety
- Reading and writing
- Customer service
- Home skills
- Computer skills
- Money
- Employment
- Health and wellbeing
- Travel training

Referrals are received from the care management team, with an evaluation process and end goal – to gain greater independence is carried out by the SDEP team.

SDEP was formally launched in November 2018 and with a fairly new staff team in place are continuing to develop to meet the needs of the scheme.

There is no age limit as open to all adults who meet the criteria and any concerns around how this may affect benefits received can be discussed with individual assessors.
Sonia introduced Neil and Sam who work for the DWP (Department for Work and Pensions) Health and Support for people with Disabilities – Neil Massey and Sam Davies

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<th>Neil explained his role as a Disability Employment Advisor providing support and advice for all employment related issues. The newly introduced Universal Credit has allowed for more flexibility especially for people with health conditions. Areas discussed:</th>
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<td>- Work health and improving lives</td>
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<td>- Identifying options</td>
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<td>- Attending meetings/ sharing information instead of waiting from people to call into job centres to find out</td>
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<td>- Find employers and explain about health conditions</td>
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<td>- Matching people with job skills</td>
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<td>- Sam talked about his role as a Community Partner My job which is to help and support staff like Neil with their work. This involves supporting people with different needs, for example, someone with autism or a learning disability. I also attend partnership meetings to better understand community services for people with different health conditions and then share this with the staff in the jobcentres.</td>
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<td>- At the beginning of last year, a new programme called the Work and Health Programme started, this</td>
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was set up to help people with health/disabilities into work – it’s voluntary so you don’t have to do it if you don’t want to. Many people find that they can only work a few hours a week – this was designed for that. It runs for 15 months giving 1:1 support. This provides access to work and assists employers in recruiting the most suitable person for their posts. There is support in making applications and attending interviews Ongoing assistance and support in gaining employment and retaining the job.

**A video about the Work and Health Programme from The Shaw Trust was also shown, link below:**


Sonia introduced Claire Piper and Bryony Wilkinson who presented details of the Amazing Futures project in East Sussex.

Attached presentation link here:

- Amaze provide free impartial and confidential advice and support for young people with SEND and their families
- Peer Support Project for young people with SEND
- Launched November 2018
- 14 to 25 years

- Meetings held bi-monthly
- Activities tailored to meet specific needs
- Providing peer support/free/fun sessions identifying goals/issues worked through
- The scheme is for young people and run by young people supporting them to play an active role in their community and become expert participants in their lives

- Looking Forward to Work; new project running from March 2019 providing 1:1 support to help young people think about their future and getting into work

For more information about Amaze visit www.amazesussex.org.uk
Or for information about the mazing Futures project contact: claire@amazesussex.org.uk
Debbie invited IMT to tell us about their work plans.

The Involvement Matters Team – Sharing our achievements

IMT shared an Easy Read Summary of their work from 2016 – 2018.

IMT also displayed their involvement activity ‘In a Nutshell!’ (See picture of poster) and talked through some of their work although we had to keep it short as there had been such a lot of activity during this time!
IMT shared details of their plan for 2019–2021 below:

This has 6 key planning areas:
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<td>The LDPB were asked to 3 questions which will help to inform and finalise IMT’s 2019-2021 Action Plan</td>
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<td>The LDPB spent time discussing their ideas and priorities; these were written down for discussing with IMT.</td>
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<td>Debbie &amp; Sonia ended the meeting with a thank you to everyone for attending and confirming that the next meeting is on the 11th July 2019.</td>
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