

**Lancashire Autism Partnership Board**  
**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019**  
**10:00-12:30 pm**  
**Cabinet Room D, County Hall, Preston**

Attendees: Kizzy Felstead, Jo Bebbington, Ellen Smith, Victoria Wilson, Rob Livesey, Gil Burton, Anna Javed, Kiran Banati, Ali Wilson, Neil Wilcocks.

Apologies: Kate Silver, Helen Hughes, Sarah Derbyshire, Rosemary Mollenuex, Cllr Peter Steen, Liz Monks.

The minutes and action log were agreed as an accurate record and so will be uploaded on the website. Following on from last meetings actions we went through those outstanding and agreed an action plan for the next meeting. (Please see end of Document)

It was agreed by the board that;

- A regular agenda item needs to be the acceptance of minutes as a true record (people should have read them prior to the meeting).
- Minutes should be sent out within 10 days of the board meeting.
- Agenda should be sent out no less than 2 weeks before the board meeting.

It was also agreed by the that Cllr Peter Steen who is the Member champion for Disabled People to chair the Autism Partnership Board going forward alongside the current chairs Ellen Smith (LCC) and Kizzy Felstead (Self Advocate). His role would be purely to keep the meeting running smoothly as well as adding his input from a councillor's perspective.

Anna Javed introduced herself to the board as she is looking into getting the Criminal Justice subgroup re-established with help from Kevin Mclean. The initial planning session is due to take place on **16<sup>th</sup> May**, 1pm until 3:30pm here at County Hall, CH3:01. All board members are invited. She works at the Probation Service and her priorities in her role are in Custody and Diagnosis. She works closely with care providers based inside the prisons – they do not themselves provide an Autism Diagnosis, as the process is that the Person themselves have to ask for an assessment from the GP in the Prison.

#### Review of 10 priorities

The board review the draft priorities that members of the board and sub group submitted, below.

#### Children and Young People/Transitions

- SEND /Transitions preparing for adulthood

#### Health

- Work with GP's: Pre/Post Diagnostic pathway have lead GP's for CCG's
  - The LAPB to report back pathway issues to Sarah Derbyshire and send any questions to Victoria Wilson prior to the May board
- Mental Health:
  - Need for a Mental Health Service (Community/Diagnosis support) which makes meaningful and reasonable adjustments staff with expertise, experience and an interest with working with Autistic people.
  - Need for easy access to a MH CRISIS service
- More post diagnostic support
- Reasonable adjustments within mainstream services eg; Speech and Language and Occupational therapy.

## Criminal Justice

- Re-establish the Criminal Justice subgroup
- Need to engage all key criminal justice partners across the system; current gaps around courts and custody services.
- Start to consider the needs of females (Victim/Offender)
- Develop links with health care providers within prison settings
- Develop links with social work term in prisons and for offenders leaving custody.

## Training

- Training for health and care staff within organisations with public facing responsibilities who have a direct impact on and make decisions about the lives of autistic people – need to have appropriate specialist knowledge of the condition
- Training in other sectors eg Criminal Justice and Employment

## Housing

- LA has a statutory duty to develop the housing market for people with specific housing needs. There need to be a variety of housing options needed for autistic people without an LD with properly trained staff. One size does not fit all.
- Housing is a District Council responsibility, however, LCC has responsibility for providing care and support.

## Employment

- Productive ways of helping Autistic people into work/helping them to retain employment.
- Lack of supported internships/training programs
- LCC employment support service remit should be extended
- Transitions processes/EHCP's often don't include employment outcomes: LA should offer tailored support or programmes to help autistic people enter employment or self-employment, including those with SEND and those with EHC plans
- Focus on support to both employer/employee

## Transport/Mobility

- Barrier to transport through NOW Card eligibility.
- Should be more travel training

## Strategy and Planning

- Getting more people with power and influence on Board/ Decision makers
- Need more autistic people as well as self advocates; APB need to make proper adjustments to attract and keep autistic people on the Board.
- More representation required on subgroups.
- The Board needs to demonstrate that it can produce positive change for autistic people and not just be a talking shop.

## Services/Market Development

- Local Authority has a statutory duty under the Care Act to develop the market for social care services for autism.
- Need for more services for people with an ASC but without an LD; Most care agencies, housing and social support is geared towards LD not autism without an LD.
- It is very difficult for many people with an ASC to access the help they need via a social care budget.
- Need for some form of engagement service to support people to be able to participate fully in the local community; Similar to the LD self advocate service managed by Caritas Care.
- Difficult for autistic people without an LD to fit into mainstream or LD services. (participation in local community). There is no/little support in terms of meeting other people or things like help with social skills for younger people.

<u>Action</u>	<u>Completed Yes / No</u>
<b>Victoria Wilson</b> – Once the Final SAF has been returned to circulate around the board but in the meantime tidy up the email version and circulate this around members to help with subgroups setting priorities.	Completed
<b>Kizzy Felstead</b> – Ask National Autistic Society for a rep to attend the LAPB	<b>Rob Livesey</b> to ask Kristina Crampsey who he knows through attending the Blackburn with Darwen APB if she could attend our Lancashire APB.
<b>Victoria</b> – Circulate the meeting map produced by Lincolnshire and the 2016 Learning Disability Partnership Board meeting Map	Completed
<b>Ellen Smith</b> – Enquire if the Caritas have any spare capacity within the team to support the LAPB in recruiting help to recruiting self-advocates	Ongoing discussions
<b>Neil Wilcocks</b> – To ensure social workers are starting to report referral reasons and to bring latest statistics to the board	Neil to present the latest figures at the next board meeting in May.
<b>Victoria</b> – Chase subgroup leads prior to meeting and circulate updates in advance but also remind them to circulate dates with the board.	Ongoing
<b>Kiran Banati</b> – Look into an effective pathway to raise the profile of the LAPB at the Health and Wellbeing Board	Ongoing discussions
<b>Ellen and Kiran</b> – Look into getting a Councillor to chair the LAPB	Agreed for Cllr Peter Steen to Co-Chair
<b>Victoria</b> - Ask sarah Derbyshire to be a future agenda item at the following LAPB re An update on the Integrated Care System All-age Autism Strategy	Agreed - Sarah is currently attending the May board
<b>Kizzy and Ellen</b> – To look into having Themed LAPB meetings with speakers who have been organised in advance and then members can send questions prior	Ellen and Kizzy to looking into this one priorities are decided.
<b>Victoria</b> – Gather 10 priorities based on 5 domains from board members	Completed
<b>Gill Burton</b> – Understand how to get Autism on the agenda for the Patient Advisory Group	<b>Victoria Wilson</b> To share the date of the next Chorley and South Ribble and Greater Preston's Patient Advisory Group with the LAPB  <b>Gill Burton</b> – To liaise with Dawn Clarke regarding other groups the board may want to get involved with.
<b>Actions from 19<sup>th</sup> March Meeting</b>	
<b>Rob Livesey</b> - To circulate his findings from a survey which was a result of a LAPB DASP action to find out	

anecdotal evidence from the autism community about their experiences of accessing mental health services.	
<b>Ellen</b> – To check what reference there is to Autism in Lancashire's Market Position Statement	
<b>Victoria</b> –Circulate 10 draft priorities based on 5 domains	
<b>Kizzy/Ellen</b> – to finalise agenda for May meeting, which will include the deferred presentations from Diagnostic Providers	<b>May meeting.</b>

**The date of the next meeting is the 21<sup>st</sup> May 2019 10am -12:30pm in Cabinet Room D, County Hall, Preston, PR18XJ**