Lancashire Autism Partnership Board

Monday 2nd July 2018

10:00-12:30 pm

Cabinet Room D, County Hall, Preston

Attendees: Kizzy Felstead, Jo Bebbington, Ellen Smith, Sue Austen, Victoria Wilson, Kate Silver, Stuart Sheridan, Liz Monks.

Apologies: Ali Wilson, Helen Hughes, Sue Titterington, David Middleton, Michelle Crane, Rachel Snow-Miller, Neil Wilcocks.

The minutes and the action log were agreed as an accurate record.

Victoria – To circulate subgroup updates to the board rather than having a slot in the agenda for each group to present their updates individually. This is obviously dependant on subgroup leads being proactive and circulating updates in a timely manner.

Stuart Sheridan informed the group of Rachel Snow- Millers new role –Director of Commissioning of All Age Mental Health and Learning Disabilities in Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care System. Unfortunately Rachel could not attend the meeting but as a board we are optimistic about the opportunities her input may bring.

Members of the board informed the group that they had recently attended the Transforming Care Confirm and Challenge meeting. They thought that the environment the meeting was held in was totally inappropriate for both people with Learning Disabilities and or Autism. They also felt that the meeting was mainly focused around Learning Disabilities and that Autism was overlooked.

The Board – Circulate feedback with the organisers of the meeting .

The board felt that it would be useful to map out the relationships between all of the different partnership boards, including the representation that the APB has present.

**Autism training – Kate Silver**

Kate and Stuart Sheridan updated the group on the position they are at with the Autism awareness training. They applied for a funding bid last year and was awarded it to start in April 2019? Kate explained that her plan was to focus on the gaps in autism awareness and try and minimise these with innovative training. She has already identified an awareness gap in Health and Social Care staff in respect of getting those with Autism out of hospitals at an appropriate time.

She wants the training to be very personalised, face to face if possible as she feels this would be the most effective technique however she realises this would be costly and with a tight budget has thought about a video - something interactive being as effective.

Kate informed the group about the research she has undertaken focusing on the Anxiety and cognitive differences between those with Autism and those without. The board felt this information would be extremely useful and informative and want it to be an agenda item at the September Board.

**Group Discussion**

The Criminal Justice subgroup was discussed by the board as we have not had any communication back for this group for a considerable length of time. The lead of the group has been contacted and we are trying to get a response back from him.

Victoria – Get an update from Andrew Procter regarding the future of the Criminal Justice subgroup. The most recent information we have received was that he was looking to hand over the lead of this group.

The board felt that all of the subgroups need to focus more on specific issues in Lancashire and try and address those before looking into national issues. One specific issue to Lancashire the board felt was regarding housing and the criteria which needs to be met.

Ellen – Speak to colleagues about how the LAPB can be involved in discussions regarding housing plans and try and get a housing representative to the September meeting to talk through the Housing Strategy.

The board also felt that we need more self-advocates to attend the meeting which may change the discussions we have and give an opinion from a different view to others. Communications group - to focus on getting more members Engagement from Voluntary Community and Faith Sector (VCFS), District councils and housing leads.

Kiran Banati – Take a lead on organising the Transition Subgroup.

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| Action | Date To Be Completed By. | Completed Yes / No |
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| Victoria -Ask Stuart Sheridan for a contact at LCFT who has more of a clinical focus. | 2nd July | Ongoing |
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**The next meeting is the 20th September 2018 at 10am until 12:30pm in Committee Room C, County Hall, Preston, PR1 8XJ.**