

**Lancashire Autism Partnership Board**  
**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2019**  
**10:00-12:30 pm**  
**Cabinet Room C, County Hall, Preston**

**Attendees:** Kizzy Felstead, Jo Bebbington, Victoria Wilson, Anna Javed, Nick Mcnamara, Rosemary Molleneux and Peter Hudson, Kate Silver.

**Apologies:** Ali Wilson, Rob Livesey, Andrea Hardyman, Judith Dowling, Neil Willcocks, Ju Richmond.

The minutes were shown on screen and agreed as an accurate record. It was noted that the board wanted the priorities recorded in a table rather than a list so it was easier to record and track updates. The board was reminded of the Lancashire Autism Partnership Board website, which can be accessed via <http://www.autismlancs.org/>. The website contains Minutes and Agendas for the board, dates of future meetings and new and existing opportunities/services. The board looked at outstanding actions from the meeting in July and September and agreed on a how to progress alongside new actions;

<u>Actions from July / September</u>	<u>Completed Yes / No</u>
<b>Ellen Smith</b> – Enquire if Caritas have any spare capacity within the team to support the LAPB in recruiting help to recruiting self-advocates	Ellen informed the board that LCC had just extended their contract with Caritas care, during this process they have reviewed the Key Performance Indicators for the contract incorporating the Autism agenda, these KPI's will be reviewed at contract review meetings.
<b>Neil Wilcocks</b> – To ensure social workers are starting to report referral reasons and to bring latest statistics to the board	Neil to circulate the latest figures to Victoria.
<b>Kiran Banati</b> – Look into an effective pathway to raise the profile of the LAPB at the Health and Wellbeing Board	Ellen and Kizzy to discuss when they meet with Cllr Peter Steen.
<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	Ongoing
<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>Victoria</b> – Circulate Think Autism Refresh – Autism 10 years on.	<a href="https://www.autism.org.uk/get-involved/media-centre/news/2019-01-17-autism-act-10-years-on.aspx">https://www.autism.org.uk/get-involved/media-centre/news/2019-01-17-autism-act-10-years-on.aspx</a>

For the first part of the meeting we looked into the boards 10 priorities and discussed progress which had been made already and then looking at how we would progress in the future. Please see below the document of priorities and the discussion.



Priorities 1 .docx

### **Bev Lyon (Preston City Council – Senior Housing Advisory Officer)**

The board explained that they had already spoken to and had a presentation from Julie Dockerty and Jon Blackburn on the Housing with Care and Support Strategy and the Approved Provider List, however they felt this was more LD focussed. They wanted Bev to explain what housing options there are in Lancashire for those with lower level needs who do not meet Care Act eligibility criteria. Bev explained that as this is controlled on a district level that it alters per district. Bev agreed to circulate the information for all the Housing leads in Lancashire to the Board chairs. The board also queried if there are any Autism specific housing advice service in Lancashire, this is something that will be answered by the leads.

Bev explained that in Preston it would just be generic housing and then a separate commissioned provider to then provide the care and support. She was only aware of housing and care from the same provider when the support is needed 24/7, not just reminders and occasional support. Bev and the rest of the board felt that due to Lancashire's financial position, we need to be looking at existing buildings rather than developing more. Sheltered accommodation was a suggestion which would fit the requirements and affordable. But the board concluded that getting the support right is the main priority. In order to do this we need to be able to understand peoples specific needs and ensure we have creative solutions on a specialist scale. Ellen stated that there had been an opportunity to feedback these comments during engagement relating to both Housing with Care and support strategy and the Approved provider list.

Ellen mentioned Dawn Astin and David Lovelady have just started in their new post as Service Manager (Housing Specialist PLOT), Learning Disabilities, Autism and Mental Health Housing specialist. The board felt they would be useful contacts to involve in future housing discussions.

**The date of the next meeting is the 28th January 2020 10am -12:30pm in Cabinet Room B, County Hall, Preston, PR18XJ**