

Torbay Learning disability Partnership Board meeting.

11th January 2024

People at the meeting.

Sharon, Jo W, Correna, Neil, Lorraine, Mike, Tracie, Shaun, Mark, Lee, Adam, Steve, Lucy, Chris Chaloner, Chris (DPT), Alison, Helen, Kevin, Hayley, Debbie, Lorna, Jo.



Apologies

Lindsey, Savana, Jude, Pam, Jamie, Cathy, Diane, Katy.



Sharon read the minutes of the last meeting.

Everyone agreed they were ok.

There were some actions –

- Devon Partnership Trust to be asked to come and talk about the Unit at Langdon. Complete.
- A meeting was planned with Stagecoach. This has not happened yet and will be planned for when Jude comes back.
- Savana was going to find out about some of the problems people had when trying to get in touch with the Council. This will be on the next meeting agenda.





- Jamie asked for an update about the seawall and changes in Paignton.

This will be on the next meeting agenda.

Devon Partnership Trust

Chris from Devon Partnership Trust talked about the new unit being built at Langdon. The unit is for people with learning disabilities and Autism who need care because of their mental health.

The new building has been agreed by Teignbridge Council.

NHS England are paying £40 million for two new units and said the money had to be spent on buildings.

Chris explained that the rooms have been designed to make sure people have safe space and also space to mix with other people if they want to.

There will be 10 rooms and space outside.

There will be an area where people can be more quiet(secluded).



On behalf of the Ambassadors who were not at the meeting, Jo said that people did not think they got good mental health services in the community and were worried about the unit being built.

Jo W explained that the unit will not replace good care in the community.

There are not enough staff to care for people properly in the community when they have mental health problems.



More nurses, physiotherapists and occupation therapists are being trained in learning disability care and support.



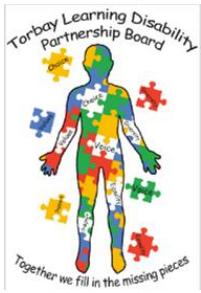
Adam talked about Winterbourne View and how important it is to make sure there is the right housing for people.



Lorna said that Healthwatch can listen to what people think about the service and write an easy read report to share.



Action – Ambassadors to write to NHS England to ask why they are giving money for units and not for more community services.



Ambassador report

The Ambassadors read their report.

Carers Report

Kevin reported about the work that the Carers Reps have done. The Carers Reps were at the Carers Rights Day and also had a coffee morning where people could meet the Reps.



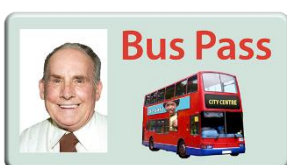
They hope to have an email address so people can contact them and get information.



There are problems with Finance and Benefit Assessments (FAB) and how they are worked out.



There are problems with the electric cars which are given to people with mobility funds. There is a lack of places to charge them.



Carers talked about the companion bus pass so they could travel for free when they are out with the person they care for. Kevin said that Torbay used to have this service but it was expensive.



A meeting will be arranged with Stagecoach so people can talk about everything.



Jo W will send the contact details for Alan Denby and Laura Hill who work for the Council and can answer questions.



The Carers have reported problems with local taxis not being able to take people with disabilities.

Jo W will talk to Tara Harris at the Council to arrange a meeting before the next Board meeting. Jo W will send the contact details for Alan Denby so he can be invited to the Board Meeting.



Helen Burns said that the new service contract for Carers of Adults with Learning Disabilities has been awarded to Devon Link Up. The new contract starts on April 1st.

The Big Plan



Nigel showed the video made with the Ambassadors about the Big Plan. Jo W and Hayley will ask the Mayor if it can be shown before the Council meeting.



The Big Event

The Big Event is booked for the 6th March at the Riviera Centre. Everyone was asked to promote it and make sure people know about it and can attend.



Treat Me Well

Sharon gave an update about the Treat Me Well work.

There is a meeting on the 8th February to talk about the plans for a 'walk around' at Torbay Hospital. Carol Gray is going to be at the meeting to talk about the Reasonable Adjustments (small changes) project.



If anyone has been in hospital last year, there is a survey they can fill in. Sharon has easy read copies which people can ask for.



The LeDeR report (about early deaths) shows that people who died in Torbay had good care.



The Oliver McGowan training has started and Torbay has a year to show it is going well. 3 of the Ambassadors are doing the training.

Sharon will talk to the Ambassadors about the work plan for Treat Me Well.



Sgt Chris Chaloner – Police

Chris works with Kate Marks and came to the meeting to talk about Hate Crime.

Chris said that there have been 3 reported Hate Crimes against people with disabilities during December and up to 10th January.

Chris has looked at the cases and is happy that people were treated well by the Police.



Lorraine asked if Chris could go to Gateway because people are having problems with money and phones and stealing.



Alison asked if Chris could help with information for Hospital staff training.

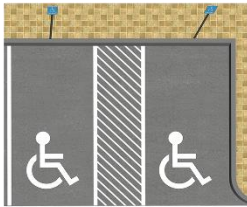
Sharon talked about a new plan called “Right care, right person”. This is about people who need help getting the right support.



Fab Assessments

Lee is going to look at how the work about FAB assessments is getting on.

Any other business



Lorraine asked about parking at Torbay Hospital because it has changed for people with Blue Badges. Alison said she will go back to the Hospital to find out more.



Learning Disability week is 17th -23rd June and it would be good to have a meeting to plan activities.

Lorna said that Healthwatch have written a report about Pharmacy services. They are waiting for the replies.

Dates of next meetings to be planned and sent out.



Thanks to everyone for coming to the meeting.

