



## Rutland Learning Disability Partnership Board Notes of Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2017

### Present – who came to the meeting

Lorraine Tarratt	RCC – Chair
Andre Dixon	RCC – Note taker
Sue Giddens	RCC
Tamara Pachner	RCC
Jacqui Darlington	Health Watch Rutland & Carer
Dannii Donovan	RCC
Carolyn Heath	Self Advocate
Tracey Gilbert	RCC
Gemma Ruigrok	RCC
Cheryl Bosworth	East Leics & Rutland CCG
Rory O'Neill	Self Advocate
Emily Barwell	RCC
Gigi Florentin-Lee	Rutland Parent Carer Voice



### 1. Introductions and welcome

Lorraine welcomed everyone to the meeting. Lorraine introduced Susan Startin Self-Advocate and Co-Chair for the meeting. Everyone in turn said their name and where they come from.



### 2. Apologies – who could not come to the meeting

David Whitmarsh and all Lodge Trust attendees  
Sam Screaton



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### 3. Making sure we understand what is said

Susan told everyone that it is important to use words that are easy to understand. She reminded us to use the yellow cards if we want to say something and the red cards if we do not understand something.



#### 4. What was said at the last meeting

We looked at the notes from the last meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2017. We noted that there was a typing error where the date of the previous meeting should have read July and not May 2017.

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#### 5. Updates

##### Employment - Gemma Ruigrok

Gemma told us what has been happening in the Supported Employment Programme for Adults with Learning Disabilities

- The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) are coming in every two weeks from September. They will be in the library – working on an appointment system
- Futures – a service for 16 to 18 year olds who claim benefits – they will be in the Library the first Friday of the month – this is a new service from November to help young people with confidence building, CV writing, job hunting, covering letters etc
- Youth Service is based at Joules House – they offer career support for Young People under 19
- Aspiro – a service for people with Mental Health conditions - home visits and case work are carried out
- Local Colleges that we work closely with



Gemma also told us about a new service called Let's Talk Wellbeing – which is for people with moderate to medium Mental Health issues. This is a GP or self referral service which offers stepped employment support



In January 2018 new skills sessions for people with barriers to employment will be trialed. People can dip in and out of these sessions – [Click here](#) to see the list of sessions with dates and venues on Gemma's presentation



##### Autism Partnership Board - Vandana Ferguson, Social Worker, Rutland County Council

Lorraine talked through Vandana's update in her absence. [Click here](#) to see the updates. It was suggested that we have someone to come along to talk to us about 'What Autism Is' in a future meeting.





## Better Health Group – Cheryl Bosworth

Cheryl gave us a presentation on Transforming Care Partnership. She explained to us that after the Winterbourne View investigation in 2012 where people were prosecuted for abuse and sent to prison, the Government set up the Winterbourne View Programme which is now called the Transforming Care Programme

Cheryl told us that Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Councils and health colleagues are working together to improve services for people with learning disabilities and/or autism. They have developed a plan which is about stopping people with learning disabilities and/or autism going into a Mental Health hospital or supporting them to move out when they are well enough.

[Click here](#) to see Cheryl's presentation on the Programme.



## 6. Peer Review Outcomes –Update by Lorraine Tarratt

Lorraine told us that in July the Special Educational Needs and Disability service within Rutland Health and Social Care was inspected and she had the feedback from that report. She said she would leave it until the next meeting when we hope to have more people coming along.



Tea/Coffee break – thank you Rutwel for the lovely cakes!  
Rutwel run the Museum Café in Oakham every Friday  
11.30am to 1.30pm and Wednesday, 10am to 12noon



## 7. Oakham Library Refurbishment – Emily Barwell, Library and Heritage Manager, Rutland County Council

Emily introduced herself and said she was responsible for the running of the library, looking after the staff and buying the books. She told us that the library had been closed since December 2016 as a lot of essential work needed to be done. The library moved over to the Museum while the work was being carried out. The essential work included fixing the roof, the electrics, the plumbing and the heating. While the work was being done, there was also a new building put on at the back of the library which is the new Children's Centre, called Visions. The library moved back at the end of August and opened to the public at the beginning of September 2017.

Emily also explained that following an Autism Audit in 2015 the library has had a lot of work done to improve things for people with autism. These included:

- Signage and staff training. They have produced a leaflet called 'This is my library' which is especially for customers with autism. This is a pre-visit guide and although some of the photos are now out of date this is a useful leaflet and will be updated in due course. [Click here](#) to look at the current leaflet 'This is My Library'
- Upgraded computers – the library now has large touch screen monitors
- There are a lot more books for people with Autism

*(Rory said he enjoys the large font books and the talking books at the library)*

Gigi asked how people can find out more about this refurbishment and celebrate the good work carried out as she hadn't heard about it before. Emily said she was happy to come along to a Rutland Parent Carer Voice meeting to tell people about the refurbishment.

Emily also told us that they are thinking of running Autism Specific Opening Sessions (one hour) a week and would this be useful? [Click here](#) to complete the survey regarding these sessions

Emily said that the library takes requests for books not in the catalogue about Autism or for people with Autism – non-fiction as well as fiction.

[Click here](#) to see Emily's presentation



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## 8. DRAFT Consent to Information Sharing Form – Easy Read version – with Tamara Pachner

Tamara introduced herself. She is a Social Worker and works with Lorraine Tarratt, Marendra Campling and Vandana Ferguson. Part of Tamara's work is checking what the social workers do, and looking at what has gone well and what we could do better. She doesn't pick the work to be looked at – so this makes it a fairer service.



One of the things she is doing at the moment is looking at the 'Consent to Information Sharing' form. She wants to make it easier for people with learning disabilities to understand and asked for our help in this. We formed small groups and compared the old form with the new draft form. We had to say if we thought the new form was good, or if there were things we didn't like about it and what needed to be changed. Tamara took the group sheets away with her to look at but said she would like to come back to another meeting in 2018 when there would be more people to ask.

[Click here](#) to see Tamara's presentation

[Click here](#) to look at the OLD Consent to Information Sharing Form

[Click here](#) to look at the DRAFT NEW Consent to Information Sharing form

These forms are also on the Partnership Board website



thank you



## 9. Any Other Business – there was none

Lorraine and Susan thanked everyone for coming  
The next meeting will be on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2018.**  
Have a lovely Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

Look forward to seeing you next year!

