

Learning Disability Partnership Board

Chair: Mark Tyson, Commissioning Director, Adults' Care & Support

<p>Items to be escalated to the Health & Wellbeing Board</p> <p>None.</p>
<p>Performance</p> <p>The LDPB monitors all the activity and performance targets on behalf of the HWB. The target areas are detailed below</p>
<p>Meeting Attendance</p> <p>75%</p>
<p>Action(s) since last report to the Health and Wellbeing Board</p> <p>a) Mark Tyson, Commissioning Director, Adults' Care & Support agreed the new format of structuring the partnership board meetings. The new format is focussing the first half of the meeting covering strategic updates and information and the second half of the meeting facilitating a workshop theme often inviting a wider audience of carers and service users. This has seen increased engagement and participation. To date the board has had workshops on Employment, Digital Solutions, The All Age Disability Service and Equalities and Diversity.</p> <p>b) Sub Group Forums</p> <p>The subgroups remain to meet and discuss in greater detail some issues raised at the LDPB. The most recent issue shared via the carer subgroup is the lack of respite options in the borough. Having explored the issues involved, the LDPB also asked that this be taken to the Carers Strategy Group to shape recommendations. Carers also raised concerns that they are experiencing difficulty communicating with the Department of Work & Pensions (DWP) when they need to discuss issues around their cared-for persons. This will be explored with DWP by the Joint Commissioner, and an officer from the DWP invited to the LDPB.</p> <p>c) Annual Health Checks for people with Learning Disabilities: -</p> <p>The number of people with a learning disability who have received a health check continues to be below expectation. The past year has seen a significant improvement due to a concerted effort from officers in the CCG, local authority and NELFT working with GP surgeries. Over 80% of the people identified a year ago, have had an annual health check however GPs will need to maintain and improve this standard year on year. The work on tracking and prompting health checks as part of assessment and review will continue and be built into the Council's development of an All-Age Disability service, working with partners.</p>

d) Independent Housing Strategy

The Council is developing a range of innovative options for housing, including a private sector landlord vehicle, Reside, and development of the Barking Riverside plans. There continues to be joint work to ensure that there are opportunities for people with a learning disability to benefit from these options, with varying levels of care and support need. This will be captured in a commissioning plan for accommodation for people with a learning disability, developed jointly by the Housing Strategy service with Adults' Care & Support Commissioning. The LDPB will have the opportunity to influence the development of this plan.

e) Improving Employment opportunities for people with a learning disability

Improving the number of people in employment (4 hours or more) is a priority for the Council and Health partners. The LDPB agreed 7 actions to support achieving this outcome. These are:

- Develop and implement a programme of raising awareness of disability for prospective, new employers of people with learning disabilities.
- Circulate and publicise on the Care and Support Hub general information about permitted earnings to service users, carers and employers.
- NELFT to run a development session about interviewing for people with learning disabilities.
- Officers to attend voluntary groups to talk about employment opportunities.
- Employers within the borough to be contacted about employing a person with a learning disability.
- Commissioners to work with the Business Enterprise Centre to explore how it can support this endeavour and how it can develop social enterprises/small businesses that will work with people with learning disabilities.
- Closer worker with the adult college to align learner's outcomes with employments opportunities.

A task and finished group has been formed to progress the agreed actions.

f) Offender health and the Criminal justice system

Members of the LDPB have for some time been keen to engage with front line officers on how they engage and support victims of crime and perpetrators. A meeting in January with the Inspector of Partnerships was positive and agreed a willingness to engage with the LDPB. This was welcomed by the LDPB following concerns raised about police activity (arrests or detention under Section 136) when responding to alerts to people with a learning disability or autism.

Action and Priorities for the coming period

- a) Update and review of progress in the implementation of the Learning Disability Strategic Delivery Plan.
- b) Employment for people with Learning Disability): ensuring progress has been made the options currently agreed, and assessing impact with a view to taking further action to ensure that employment opportunities are provided to people with learning disability or autism.
- c) Improved engagement and raising awareness of police staff supporting victims or perpetrators of crime when they have a learning disability or autism.

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