

Autism Partnership Group – July 12th 2016
Kindle Centre Hereford

Present

Valerie Fitch - Chair	Person on the Autistic Spectrum, Parent and Trustee HCS
Helen Bouchen	Person on the Autistic Spectrum
Michelle Baillon	Parent
Helen Young	Parent
Jane Clayton	Parent
Paula Daniels-Symonds	Parent
Sylvia Nicholls	Chair Hereford Disability United (HDU)
Debbie Hobbs	NAS Herefordshire
Abi North	NAS Herefordshire
Ruth Nolan	Senad
Colin Javens	Healthwatch
Christine Price	Healthwatch
Nathan Williams	Rural Media
Adrian Symonds	West Mercia Police
Neville Meredith	Herefordshire Council
Lynne Renton	CCG
Genevieve Lewis	Hospital Discharge Team
Mark Maddock	Hampton Dene Primary school
Rob McAfee	Brandon Trust
Aubrey Baillie	Independent autism consultant
Paul Choppen	Partnership Support officer
Carla Preston	Adult Engagement Herefordshire Council
John Gorman	Commissioning Officer Herefordshire Council

Apologies

Rob Gorle	ACSYL	Rose Hunt	Mencap
Gill Gorle	ACSYL	Nikki Pitt	Parent
Sean Slater	2G	Rich Matthews	Rural Media
Les Knight	Herefordshire Council	Amanda Leighton	Person on the Autistic Spectrum
Sara Siloko	HDU	Mandy Shrimpton	Rainbow Autism
Ewen Archibald	Herefordshire Council	Dean Fletcher	Salters Hill
Martin Samuels	Herefordshire Council	Alexia Heath	Herefordshire Council
David Malins	Aspie Link	Colin Bouchen	Parent
Carol Soble	Herefordshire Council		

Welcome, Introductions, Apologies

Valerie Fitch welcomed everyone before handing over to John to recap the previous minutes and the Matters Arising.

Recap and matters arising

- **Presentation on Autism to GPs** – Everyone had been asked to review the outline programme and comment to Colin on it. Colin had also asked for volunteers. This to be discussed later in this meeting

- **People's Passport** – this to be taken to the October meeting

- **Regional Autism event** – reports had been circulated

- **Your Voice** – Carla Preston demonstrated the new webpage on WISH for autism.

UPDATE - Carla informed the meeting that at the next meeting of the Making it Real group they will be going through the Easy Read pages on the WISH website with help from people with Learning Disabilities. The meeting will take place at the Aspire Hub on the 25th of August from 10:30am.

- **Autism and Children's Services** - Les Knight – Head of Additional Needs in Children Services gave a presentation on the work that is going with children.

- **LIAG – Local independent Advisory Group** Valerie reported back on a recent presentation she had given to this group.

- **Ruth Nolan** Head of Learning at Rowden House School had asked for volunteers from the Board to speak to course members. Michelle Baillion had done this and reported that it had gone well. **UPDATE** - Ruth said that there were still opportunities for people to volunteer to speak if they wished.

If you are interested please let Ruth know Ruth's e-mail is ruth.nolan@senadgroup.com

- **Hereford Disability United's Disability Roadshow - UPDATE** - Sylvia said the event had gone well and HDU had been given the opportunity to host a Mental Health First Aid Course. It will be led by Dr Richard Castle on 8th September 9:15-1pm. Please email Sylvia on sylvia.nicholls@btinternet.com or telephone her on 07817 473813 to book your place.

The minutes were proposed by Valerie Fitch and seconded by Debbie Hobbs. The minutes were accepted.

Today's agenda

Hate Crime presentation

Adrian Symonds from West Mercia Police gave a presentation on Hate Crime. He reported that the numbers of crimes were rising which showed that people were more willing to report incidents. Adrian outlined the various ways that crimes could be reported. The key message from the presentation is that hate crimes – especially those involving people with disabilities must be reported. A copy of the presentation is attached.

If you have experienced a Hate Crime or Hate incident or know someone who has please call either the 101, 999, Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111 or visit the True-Vision website at <http://report-it.org.uk/home>

Herefordshire NAS

Debbie Hobbs presented a report on the recent activities of the Local NAS branch. A copy of this attached.

The local NAS branch can be contacted via e-mail, website or Facebook. Note their phone line is currently experiencing problems.

E-mail - NAS.Herefordshire@nas.org.uk

Website <http://nasherefordshire.webeden.co.uk/>

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/NAS-Herefordshire-1499230670396432/>

Debbie also introduced Mark Maddock from Hampton Dene School. Mark explained that his school would be taking the lead on teacher liaison after Carol Soble leaves her post this term.

Rural Media

Nathan Williams informed the Board that Rural Media were looking to make a short proof of concept film on Autism. This would hopefully pave the way for a series of short films on various autism related topics. (Robert Elms had previously explained these to the Board)

Nathan asked for volunteers to help with the planning and making of the film. He said that the concept behind the film was to give people with Autism a voice.

If you are interested in helping Nathan please contact him at NathanW@ruralmedia.co.uk

Adult Diagnostic pathway – Lynne Renton CCG

Lynne explained that the draft pathway was now ready for comment. A copy of the pathway is attached

The pathway will use the AQ-10 screening process and referrals will be made to an, as yet, unnamed provider for diagnosis. (The provider is still being tendered for)

The Local Authority will then be expected to provide advice and support to diagnosed and their carers if they are eligible

ACTION – all Comments to Lynne by August 8. Her email is

Lynne.Renton@herefordshireccg.nhs.uk

Lynne also said that she would circulate the childrens pathway for information – see attached

Awareness raising – Lynne asked for volunteers to present to the CCG Governing Body on what their experiences of health services have been (good or bad) as people with autism or as a carer of someone with autism. **Names to Lynne on the above e-mail please**

Transforming Care

John Gorman and Lynne Renton gave a short summary of the current work with Transforming Care. It was agreed that there would be a longer session on Transforming Care at the October meeting of the Board

GP presentation

Colin Javens presented the draft presentation to be given to GPs at the Graduate Training centre at the County Hospital on the 20th of July. The purpose of the presentation is to raise awareness of autism amongst the GP community. There followed a question and answer session with Colin where members of the Board suggested amendments to the presentation and discussed ideas on how they might get involved in the event.

The presentation is attached

If you have any comments, or if you would like to come along and help on the 20th, please contact Colin at Colin.javens@healthwatchherefordshire.co.uk or Christine Price at christine@healthwatchherefordshire.co.uk

In particular, they would like to hear from anyone with their experiences (good and bad) of dealing with GPs and the health service in general.

AOB

Sylvia Nichols informed the Board about a non-profit website that has been launched to promote the value of autism to businesses – see <https://incluzy.com/benefits-employing-individuals-autism/>

John Gorman informed the Board that meeting dates for 2017 were now in the diary (see below). Meetings will be at Plough Lane in 2017.

The next meeting of this group will take place on:
18th October 2016. Start at 10am and end at 12:30pm.
Venue: Kindle Centre Hereford

Future meeting of the group;

Tuesday the 24th of January, Leominster Room, Plough Lane 10-1pm
Tuesday 4th of April, Sutton Room, Plough Lane 10-1pm
Tuesday the 11th of July, Leominster Room, Plough Lane 10-1pm
Tuesday the 17th of October, Leominster Room, Plough Lane 10-1pm

Attachments;

Hate Crime presentation
Herefordshire NAS update
Adult diagnostic pathway – Comments to Lynne Please
Childrens diagnostic pathway
GP presentation