

Autism Partnership Group – April 19th 2016
Kindle Centre Hereford

Present

Valerie Fitch - Chair	Person on the Autistic Spectrum, Parent and Trustee HCS
Michelle Baillon	Parent
Helen Young	Parent
Jane Clayton	Parent
Sylvia Nicholls	Chair Hereford Disability United (HDU)
Debbie Hobbs	NAS Herefordshire
Abi North	NAS Herefordshire
Ruth Nolan	Senad
Dean Fletcher	Salters Hill
Colin Javens	Healthwatch
Sara Siloko	HDU
Rob Gorle	ACSYL
Gill Gorle	ACSYL
Genevieve Lewis	Hospital Discharge Team
Sean Slater	2G
Les Knight	Head of Additional Needs Herefordshire Council
Carla Preston	Adult Engagement Herefordshire Council
John Gorman	Commissioning Officer Herefordshire Council

Apologies

Martin Samuels
David Malins
Ewen Archibald
Rob McAfee
Aubrey Baillie
Paula Daniels-Symonds
Rose Hunt
Neville Meredith
Nikki Pitt
Rich Matthews
Adrian Griffiths
Amanda Leighton
Paul Choppen

[The start of the meeting was delayed by a fire alarm]

Welcome, Introductions, Apologies

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

Matter outstanding

- **WISH presentation** - The WISH presentation which should have been issued with the previous minutes was not received by everyone. **This is attached to these minutes**

Recap and matters arising

- **Must Do list** - Valerie Fitch had produced a list of things that Local Authorities, the CCG and other public bodies such as the Police must do for People with Autism under the 2014 Care Act.
- **Rural Media** - Rich Matthews gave a short presentation on the work currently being undertaken by Rural Media in relation to Autism.
- **Self-Advocacy** - David Malins gave an update on the Enhanced Self Advocacy Community Monitoring project – see AOB
- **NAS Herefordshire** – a report from Debbie Hobbs, Branch Secretary was read out by John Gorman. The proposed Autism fair is still in the planning stage. The mail out of schools packs had gone ahead. Les Knight said that further mail outs could be made if needed.
- **Crossroads** – Rachel Noble (Autism Lead for Herefordshire and Gloucestershire) gave a presentation on the work of Crossroads.
- **Diagnostic pathway** – Nicky Goodman of the CCG informed the meeting about work on an adult diagnostic pathway. John Gorman informed the group that work was ongoing on the pathway
- **Report back on GP meeting** – Valerie Fitch informed the group about a meeting with GPs lead on autism – see Healthwatch presentation later in these minutes
- **Healthwatch GP survey** – Christine Price gave an update on the survey - see Healthwatch presentation later in these minutes

The minutes were proposed by Sara Siloko and seconded by Sylvia. The minutes were accepted.

Presentation on Autism to GPs – Colin Javens

Colin reported that Healthwatch and the Autism Board have been invited to present to the GP Post Graduate training sessions at the County Hospital on Autism awareness and making autism a clinical priority.

The proposed date is Tuesday 14th June (date and time to be confirmed). The presentation will be for no more than 20 minutes

Colin circulated a proposed outline of topics to be discussed and asked that any comments on it to be passed to him.

ACTION - EVERYONE

**Review the outline programme and comment to Colin on it
Board members to send Colin ideas for the presentation**

Volunteers to put their names forward to Colin to help present

Colin emphasised that this is an important opportunity to reach the GP community and it is key that we make the most of it.

Colin's email is; colin.javens@healthwatchherefordshire.co.uk

Colin also asked that if any examples of GPs not referring people for diagnosis to let him know

People's Passport

Colin went on to describe the work being undertaken to design and agree a 'Universal People's Passport' which would enable anybody with a disability in Herefordshire to be better understood by health professionals, the police and other official bodies. He presented some draft ideas to the group. Attached is a covering sheet explaining what Healthwatch are planning to do.

ACTION - ALL comments be passed to Christine Price at Healthwatch as soon as possible.

Christine's e-mail is; christine@healthwatchherefordshire.co.uk

The draft passport will be brought back to the next Autism Board meeting on July 12

Feedback on Regional Autism event

Valerie and Aubrey Baillie had attended the event on behalf of the Board and joined in on workshops on diagnostic pathways and the Criminal Justice System.

ACTION – John to circulate their reports

Valerie said that there she had a slide show on the Criminal Justice System presentation which she could send to anyone who would like to see it.

John Gorman noted that Aubrey had included some information (attached) on "Autonomy" – a self-help group for people with Aspergers in Shropshire.

Their website is; <http://www.shropshireautonomy.am55.co.uk/>

The people who run this group would be happy to speak to anyone who is thinking of setting up a Herefordshire group.

Your Voice

Carla Preston told the meeting that the WISH website has a section within it known as 'Your Voice' where groups can set up a page dedicated to themselves. She said that at the moment when you click on the Autism Partnership link it takes you to the HDU website on Autism. She wondered whether the Board wanted a page of their own.

It was agreed that should be a dedicated page for the Board. It should contain the minutes of meetings, agendas, dates of meetings, who attends meetings, etc

It was noted that the page would need to be managed to ensure that it was not misused or out of date.

Sean Slater suggested that the page could link to the Autism work of the Rural Media Company

ACTION – Valerie to ask the Rural Media Company if they would be content to have such links

ACTION – in the meantime Carla to ask the Web Team to set up a simple Autism Partnership Board page on 'your voice.'

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. His presentation covered;

- Identification and Diagnosis
- Early Years Provision
- School-age Provision
- Post-16 Provision
- Funding
- Issues and Developments – this included a revised Children with Disabilities Strategy 2016/17 which will cover;

The development of an Integrated Disability Pathway with improved assessment and working together between agencies, the recommissioning of short breaks, the development of personal budgets, improved strategic information leading to improved commissioning and a focus on “Outcomes for life” – this is currently focused on employment and Les asked the Board to consider what other outcomes might be included.

ACTION – all to let Les know what else might be included within the strategy within “Outcomes for Life”.

Les's e-mail is lknight1@herefordshire.gov.uk

A copy of his presentation is attached to these minutes.

LIAG – Local independent Advisory Group

Valerie reported back on a recent presentation she had given to this group. She noted that the Police are very keen to know more about autism and how they can better help people on the spectrum.

Transforming Care

John Gorman gave a sort overview of Transforming Care and noted that there is a growing need for Experts by Experience to be used in the Care and Treatment reviews. Sean Slater echoed this and asked that Board members consider taking up this role.

More information from John Gorman or Ewen Archibald.

ACTION – John to ask Ewen Archibald to next meeting to present on the Transforming Care Agenda

AOB

Ruth Nolan Head of Learning at Rowden House School – part of the Senad Group - explained that she is running a training course for staff and she would like volunteers from the Board to speak to the course members on what it is like to have autism and how it affects lives. The dates of the courses are 17th, 24th and 31st of May. It is possible that three different people could fill this role so no one has to commit to all three dates. **If you are interested please let Ruth know** Ruth's e-mail is ruth.nolan@senadgroup.com

John Gorman said that David Malins wished to remind the Board about Enhanced Self Advocacy Community Monitoring project and to ask that if anyone would like to help with the administration of the group to get in touch with him at malinsd@googlemail.com

Sylvia noted two dates for the diary;

The HDU mental health seminar – 11th May – Hinton Community Centre

The HDU Disability Roadshow – 29th June - Three Counties Hotel

The meeting ended at 12.45pm

The next meetings of this group will take place on:

12th July 2016,

18th October 2016.

All meetings to start at 10am and end at 12:30pm.

Venue: Kindle Centre Hereford

Attachments;

Colin Javen's draft GP presentation – **COMMENTS TO COLIN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE PLEASE**

A cover sheet explaining the Healthwatch Passport - **COMMENTS TO CHRISTINE PLEASE**

Valerie and Aubrey's reports on the Autism event in Birmingham

Information on the Shropshire Autonomy self-help group

Les Knight's presentation

The WISH presentation