

Norfolk Learning Disabilities Partnership Board meeting



Thursday 18th May 2023

2:00pm – 4:00pm

Meeting held using Zoom



Who attended our meeting?

This list shows how people who came to the meeting identified themselves

June Walton, Acting Co-chair

Rachel Gates, Co-chair

Lee Gibbons, ASD Helping Hands

Lucy Adcock, ASD Helping Hands

Amanda Johnson, Norfolk County Council

Kenny Nichols, Self-advocate

Kyle Fraser, Self-advocate

Jamie Abbott, Self-advocate

Rachael, Self-advocate

Keith Page, Thera East Anglia Supporter

David Parker, Thera representative

Jon Rose, Mid-Norfolk Mencap

Maxine Webb, Counsellor

Alison Furniss, Family Voice

Heidi Mckay, Senior Lead Community LD Nurse

Maxine Thurston, North Team manager

David Leaper, North Health Team manager

Catherine Colston, West Health Team manager

Sam Baily, Norwich Health Team Manager

Roger Allen, PfAL and Employment Service Manager

Edward Young, Employment Development Manager

Ian Bell, Norfolk Community Health and Care NHS Trust

Anna Fairhurst, Learning Disability Commissioning Manager

Maria Bond, Stakeholder Engagement Coordinator for Independence Matters

This meeting had three main topics:



Roger Allen & Edward Young are going to give information on Employment support



RENEWAL

Amanda Johnson, to give an update on the Learning Disability Strategy renewal



To have a Coordinator update with Lucy Adcock

Information on Employment support (1)



Roger and Edward Spoke about 4 main points:

1. Norfolk Employment Service
2. Local Supported Employment
3. Skills and Employment Team
4. Day Services Life Opportunities Model
– Skills and Employment pathway

Norfolk Employment Service (1)

To access the service:

1. Must have a care and support plan
2. Aged 18-65 years old
3. Must want to find work or training
4. Does not go to a day service



Norfolk Employment Service (2)

They spoke about what they do such as:

1. Work support
2. Provide information
3. Advice
4. Guidance



Local Supported Employment (1)



The Local Supported Employment programme is to help autistic adults and adults with learning disabilities to move into and stay in paid work.



They explained the different types of support you will get and how you access the service

Local Supported Employment (2)



How to access services: Participants can self-refer via our webpage:

www.norfolk.gov.uk/LSE



or by contacting our team

01603 223910 or LSE@norfolk.gov.uk



Referrals can also be made via a social worker or assistant practitioner

Skills and Employment Team



They want to increase opportunities for people to access work experience



Roger explained how they are trying to help people into paid employment

Life Opportunities (1)



The council asked people with lived experience what would make life better for them



This helped the council write 'My Life, My Ambition, My Future' (2018 – 2022) strategy

Life Opportunities (2)



There are three different 'pathways' which will support people to reach their goals and ambitions when they attend their Life Opportunity provider (day service).

Life Opportunities (3)



1. Enriching Lives
2. Promoting Independence
3. Skills and Employment

Preparing for Adult Life Service (1)



The Preparing for Adult Life Service has been created to help move young people into adult social services

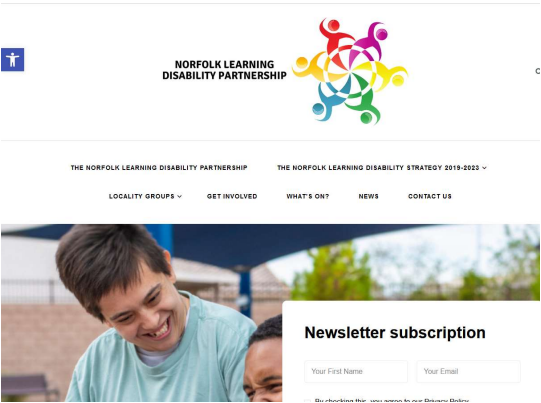
Preparing for Adult Life Service (2)

There are four preparing for adult life outcomes which are –

1. Employment
2. Being healthy
3. Being part of your community
4. Being independent



Information on Employment support (2)



The full presentation is available on our website



You will find the link below these meeting notes

Amanda Johnson Strategy renewal (1)



Amanda explained that the Learning Disability Strategy ended in 2022



RENEWAL

It is now due for renewal. Amanda told the board that she will be writing the new strategy

Amanda Johnson Strategy renewal (2)



Amanda will be attending all the locality groups in June and July



She will be giving a presentation on what National Health Service/Norfolk County Council have done and what has not been achieved as of yet

Amanda Johnson Strategy renewal (3)

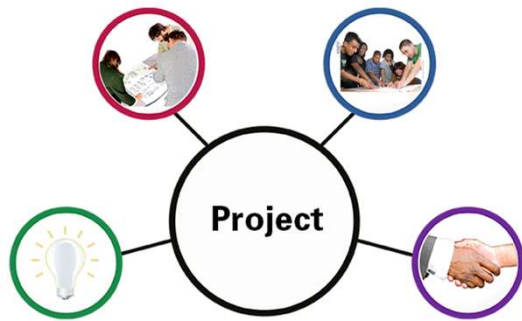


Amanda will be asking for everyone's feedback on what they would like to see in the new strategy



After all the information has been collected, She is hoping there will be a draft of the New Learning Disability Strategy in September or October

Amanda Johnson Strategy renewal (4)



David Parker Spoke about an ongoing project called My happiness project. This could help have some input into the new Learning Disability Strategy



Action: Lucy to contact David regarding My happiness project

Locality groups update (1)

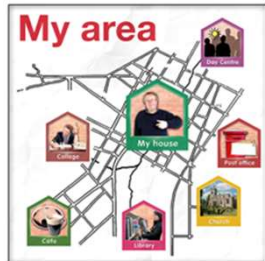


The first round of Locality groups has been completed

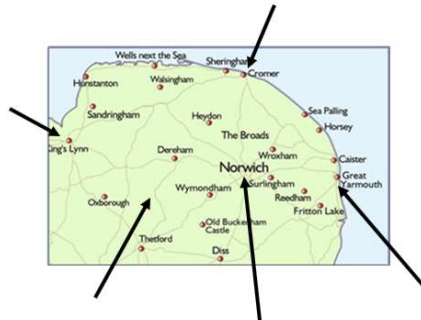


At least 6+ people attended each Locality group

Locality Group Update (2)



A lot of the issues that were brought up throughout each locality were local issues



On the next slide there are some common themes from each locality group



These are some of the themes that should be considered in the upcoming Learning Disability Strategy

Locality groups update (3)



Main themes

- Housing
- Employment
- Transport

Locality groups update (4)



These were the main themes that were brought up throughout all localities



On the following slides are the common issues people with Learning Disabilities would like us to consider...

Housing



Not enough access to
appropriate housing



Struggle to find
independent living



Adapted housing is nearly
impossible to find

Employment



Working together to
promote the employment
service from Norfolk
County Council

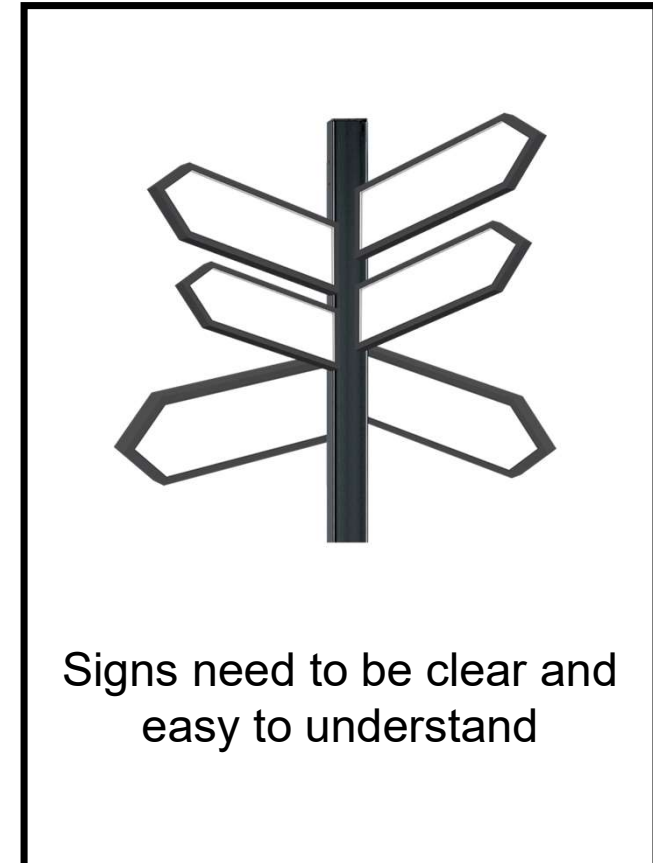


Explore opportunities for
employment and ongoing
support



More opportunities
available for voluntary
work

Transport (1)



Question



Question: Why is Health not in the main themes?



Answer: The main themes were spoken about at every locality group; health was only spoke about in a couple. Health is important and should also be considered for the new Learning Disability Strategy

Locality groups update (5)



The board revisited the consideration that they did not get to last board meeting

Consideration: What do The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) offer for work/training? Can they do more?



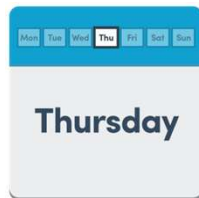
Action: Lucy Adcock to contact Hannah Johnson regarding Learning Disability partnership training

Locality Group Update (6)



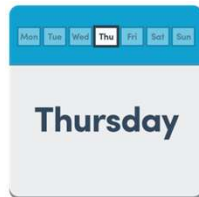
Lucy spoke about the upcoming Locality Groups and gave out the dates

Norwich Locality Group



Venue: The Willow Centre
1-13 Willowcroft Way
Cringleford
Norwich
NR4 7JJ

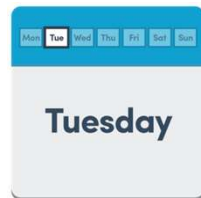
North Locality Group



Venue: About With Friends
22c Holt Road
Cromer
Norfolk
NR27 9JW

Telephone if lost: 01263 515230

West Locality Group



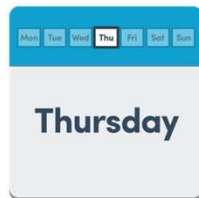
Venue: 14 Tuesday Market Place
Kings Lynn
Norfolk
PE30 1JN

South Locality Group



Venue: Watton Sports and Social Club
69 Dereham Road
Watton
Thetford
IP25 6EZ

East Locality Group



Venue: Kings Centre,
30 Queen Anne's Road,
Great Yarmouth
NR31 0LE

Applications



Lucy informed the board that since the last meeting we have had 5 new applications from self-advocates

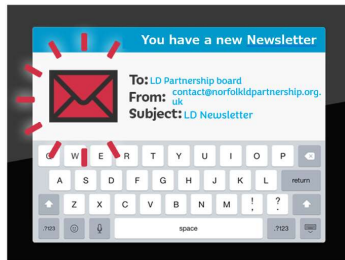


She welcomed the new self-advocates

Newsletter



Lucy explained that she would like to start sending out a Newsletter every 3 months after the Board meeting



This newsletter will contain upcoming Locality groups and any events/information that is suitable

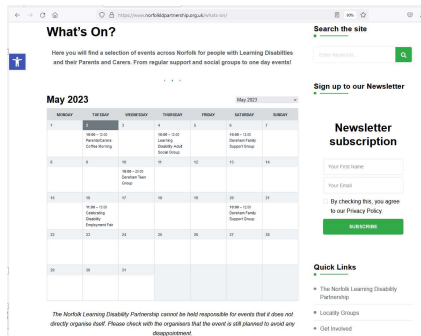


Please email Lucy at

contact@norfolkldpartnership.org.uk

If there is anything that you would like to add to the newsletter

‘What's On page’ (1)



Lucy also spoke about the what's on page which can be found on the Norfolk Learning Disabilities Partnership website. This page is a calendar that shows events that are happening throughout the year for people with Learning Disabilities



Lucy would like to fill this with lots of events both social and information events

‘What's On page’ (2)



She explained that you can add events to this page by:



Emailing Lucy at
contact@norfolklpartnership.org.uk

OR



Filling in the form under the calendar on the
‘What’s on page’

‘What's On page’ (3)



Action: Kyle would like Lucy to add Mersea Island Festival 2023 to the What's on Page

Any other Business (1)



Question: Will the partnership board meetings be going back to face to face or will it continue online?



Answer: For now, the Partnership board meetings will be staying online.

A survey form titled "Questions" with two speech bubble icons containing question marks. The first question is "1. What do you think about it?". Below the question are three checkboxes: "Good", "Bad", and "Not sure". The "Not sure" checkbox is checked with a blue mark. A hand holding a black pen is shown writing on the form.

Questions

1. What do you think about it?

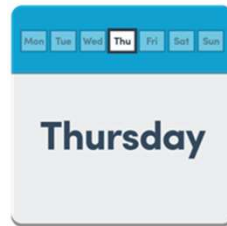
☐ Good

☐ Bad

☒ Not sure

Action: Next Partnership Board meeting, ask whether people would like face to face meeting, hybrid or to keep it online.

Date of Next meeting



Venue: Zoom



If you have any questions or ideas to share,

please email **contact@norfolklpartnership.org.uk**

What support was available before and after the meeting?



Support available (1):



People were able to give their feedback in other ways. For example, Rachel met with some of the self-advocates separately.



We held a 'pre meet' to talk through how the main meeting would work, and a 'feedback meeting' afterwards to ask how the main meeting went.

Support available (2):



We also held a feedback session following the main meeting. This was to provide support or to any answer questions if needed.



We plan to continue to offer this support to our members in the future.