

Norfolk Learning Disabilities Partnership Board meeting



Thursday 8 May 2025



10:00am – 12:00pm



Meeting held using Zoom



Who attended our meeting?

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

June Walton, Co-Chair

Rachel Gates, Co-Chair

Kenny Nichols, Self-advocate

Kyle Fraser, Self-advocate

Rachael Phillips, Self-advocate

Jamie Abbott, Self-advocate

Lee Gibbons, Learning Disability Coordinator

Lucy Adcock, ASD Helping Hands

Kiran Kaur, Thera representative

Andy Hudson, NHS Norfolk and Waveney Integrated Care Board

Corinne Avery, Head of Social Care for Adult Learning Disabilities

Marie Smith, Operational business lead for Carers

Anna Fairhurst, Learning Disability Commissioning Manager

Maxine Thurston, North Health Team manager

Maxine Webb, Counsellor

Jo Gravells, North team manager Community Learning Disability team

This meeting had three main topics:



Lee gave an update about the upcoming Locality Group and shared the upcoming dates

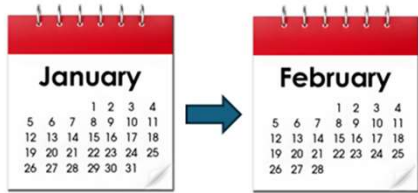


Rachel Gates provided an update on the progress of the Learning Disability Plan



Marie Smith gave an overview on the current carers strategy

Locality groups (1)



Lee provided an update on the locality group meetings that took place between January and February

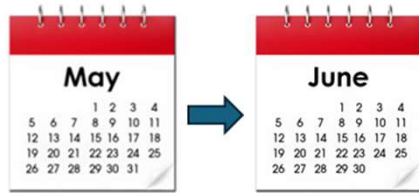


He explained that the groups had been joined by a Learning Disability Nurse and a Psychologist



A summary of each meeting can be found on the Learning Disability website: [Locality Groups - Norfolk Learning Disability Partnership](#)

Locality groups (2)



Lee continued by discussing the ongoing locality groups being held between May and June.



The Norwich and North locality groups have already taken place.



Lee wanted to give a big thank you to all the providers for letting us use their venues for our locality groups

Locality groups (3)



At this round of groups, we are being joined by:



Department
for Work &
Pensions

A member of the Department for work and pensions (DWP) to give an overview on benefits



Community Engagement officers to give you information on how to stay safe in the community

Locality groups (4)



From the last round of locality groups, we received four applications to join the board as self-advocates



Lee then spoke about two upcoming events that the Learning Disability Partnership Board will be apart of:



1. Co-Production event on Wednesday 9th July 2025 10:30am – 3:00pm

Locality groups (5)



2. Family Voice conference which had already happened



Lee gave a big thank you to June and Jamie for all their help at the Family Voice conference



Lee then shared the dates for the West, South, and East locality groups, which are also available on the Learning Disability website

Progress of the LD Plan 2023-2028 (1)



[The Norfolk Learning Disability Plan 2023-2028](#)



[The Norfolk Learning Disability Plan 2023-2024 Easy Read](#)

Rachel Gates shared an update about the progress of the LD (Learning Disability) Plan.



Rachel explained this progress update will be taken to the Learning Disability and Autism programme board



This is so we can get further updates

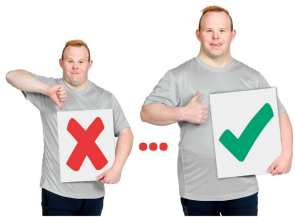
Progress of the LD Plan 2023-2028 (2)

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Rachel stated that there are five priorities in the Learning Disability Plan



These priorities were signed off by the Integrated Care board and the Health and Wellbeing board



Rachel explained some things are going well and others need more work

Progress of the LD Plan 2023-2028 (3)



Rachel spoke about things that the Partnership has achieved in priorities 2,3 and 4. Such as:



Working on healthy eating, including learning baked beans is part of your five-a-day



Learning the importance of health checks and about the LeDeR report

Progress of the LD Plan 2023-2028 (4)



Talking about sex and relationships



Lifting bus pass restrictions for learning-disabled people



Learning libraries are a safe space where people can connect and meet others

Progress of the LD Plan 2023-2028 (5)



Rachel then went on to explain there are some updates we would like to receive from the Learning Disability and Autism Programme Board some questions, including:



Can you give an update on the work that is going on about a learning-disabled person being able to access the dentist?

Progress of the LD Plan 2023-2028 (6)



In a previous meeting we talked about and gave views on the Inpatient Quality Transformation Plan



and would like to know when an update will be provided?

Progress of the LD Plan 2023-2028 (7)



Choices about
where I live

Question: Why was Priority 1, Choices about where I live (Housing) not mentioned?



Answer: There has been no update currently but there is some work being started soon

Progress of the LD Plan 2023-2028 (8)



Question: Is there an updated version of the delivery plan for the Learning Disability Plan?

Action: Rachel and Lee to work on an updated delivery plan

Progress of the LD Plan 2023-2028 (9)



Question: When is this progress report being taken to the Learning Disability and Autism programme board?



Answer: Hopefully by the end of May

Progress of the LD Plan 2023-2028 (10)



Question: Are the activities listed on the 'Things to do' page of the Learning Disability website only for learning-disabled people?



Answer: No, there is a range of different activities for everyone.

Discussion (1)



Lee asked a question to the board to hear what other people thought

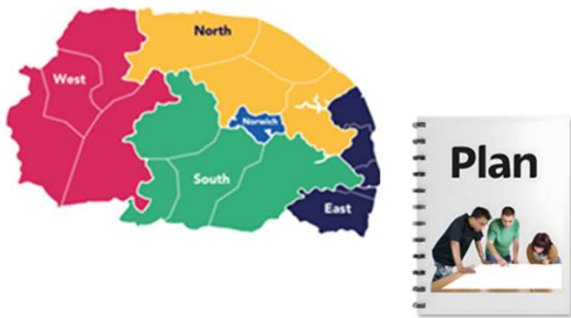


Question: What is the most effective way to share the progress of the Learning Disability Plan?



These are the ideas the board shared:

Discussion (2)



Take the plan to the
locality groups




Host a coffee morning at
day services to share




Put it into an easy read
document

Discussion (3)




The screenshot shows the homepage of the Norfolk Learning Disability Partnership. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links for 'The Norfolk Learning Disability Partnership', 'The Norfolk Learning Disability Plan', 'Locality Groups', 'News', 'Easy Read Library', 'Things to do', and 'Get involved!'. The main heading reads 'Welcome to The Norfolk Learning Disability Partnership' with the tagline 'Working together to improve the lives of people with a Learning Disability'. Below this is a section titled 'The Norfolk Learning Disability Partnership' with a sub-heading 'We work to make Norfolk a better place for people with learning disabilities. Our partnership brings together individuals, families, carers, and organisations to improve services and opportunities.' A small image shows a group of people smiling. Below the image, it states 'Our goal is to ensure everyone has a voice, access to support, and the chance to live independently. We focus on education, jobs, healthcare, and social inclusion. By working together, we can make a real difference. Join us and help create a more inclusive Norfolk!'.

Make sure the Learning Disability website has an up-to-date version



The Norfolk County Council logo features the council's crest on the left, which is a shield divided into four quadrants with various symbols. To the right of the crest, the word 'Norfolk' is written in a large, bold, green font, and 'County Council' is written below it in a smaller, black font.

Norfolk County Council to share the plan




A photograph of a young boy with short brown hair and glasses, wearing a light blue patterned shirt. He is sitting at a desk, looking at a laptop screen. His hands are on the keyboard, and he appears to be focused on his work.

Send out a newsletter to the Learning Disability Partnership mailing list


Discussion (4)



The plan could be shared when people have reviews



Meet the Direct Payments Support Service teams



Direct payment teams could share



Share the plan with supported living providers

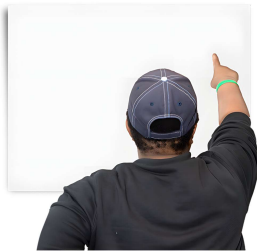
Marie Smith (1)



Marie Smith introduced herself as Operational Business lead for Carers



Marie spoke about the plan to make services better for carers, especially for people who look after someone with a disability.



Marie said it's important that carers help make decisions about the support they get.

Marie Smith (2)



She also said we need to do a better job of explaining how services are co-produced



A task and finish group will be set up to look at changes needed in the carers' support contract.



These ideas will be shared with the Making It Real Board to check how things are going.

Marie Smith (3)



Marie talked about Carers Matter Norfolk, a service that supports carers.



It is being looked at to make it better



The task and finish group will help decide what should be in the new plan.

Marie Smith (4)

Next steps for Carers Matters are:



- Start the task and finish group.



- Create a Clear Co-Production Process



- Provide Regular Updates

Maire Smith (5)



Question: What age is the Carers Strategy for?



Action: The Strategy is for all ages

Any Other Business (1)



Jo Gravells updated the board on a change that is going to be made to the Adult Community Learning Health Service

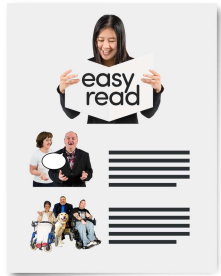


Jo Said that currently the Service is managed by Norfolk Community Health and Care Trust



But on the 1st June 2025 this service will be managed by the Herefordshire Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust

Any Other Business (2)



There will be an easy read letter sent to tell people of the change



Nothing will change for you, and you will not need to do anything



This letter is to keep you informed

Any Other Business (3)



Question: The governance links are not working on the Learning Disability website, can this be fixed?



Action: Lee to fix links on the website

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 meet’ 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.