

## Physical Disability Partnership Board

17<sup>th</sup> August 2021

Zoom Meeting 11am-1pm

### Minutes

#### Present

KB	Karen Berkley	Commissioner
AB	Alison Bourne	Commissioner
BB	Bob Bragger	MS society
SB	Sandie Burns	Disability Peterborough
KC	Kathy Cornell	Care Network
NF	Nicola Francis	Think Communities, Peterborough City Council
RH	Russell Henke	Independent Member
E	Ella	Supporting Worker to Russell
CK	Charlotte Knight	Commissioner
GL	Graham Lewis	Healthwatch
MF	Michelle Foster	Commissioner
CM	Claire Mathieu	Voiceability
JM	Jason Merrill	Family Voice-Peterborough
RN	Rebecca Nuttall	Little People UK
JP	Jo Palmer	Physical Disability team.

#### Apologies

TM	Tara Mackey	Commissioner
AT	Alena Taylor (Chair)	Independent member

#### 1 Introductions

Graham agreed to chair the meeting in the absence of Alena.  
Graham explained that Paul Homewood has stood down from the board.  
Introductions were made.

#### 2 Minutes and Action Log

The minutes were approved, and the Action log was reviewed. Actions 91, 92, 93 and 95 were completed. Actions 71, 75 and 94 are work in progress.

### **3 Updates from members**

There were no updates from Independent Members or issues/concerns raised

### **4 Feedback from other meetings**

GL Attended the Adult Social Care Forum; it has identified priorities that it is going to conduct focussed work on in the coming year - Communication, Digital Inclusion and Transition from Children's Services to Adult Services.

GL The Healthwatch AGM included an online conference 'On Equal Terms'. This looked at Co-production, Digital Inclusion and Technology Enabled Care. Videos of these sessions can be found on the Healthwatch websites:

[www.HealthwatchCambridgeshire.co.uk](http://www.HealthwatchCambridgeshire.co.uk)

[www.HealthwatchPeterborough.co.uk](http://www.HealthwatchPeterborough.co.uk)

GL The Healthwatch Health and Care Forum's in Fenland, Greater Cambridge, Huntingdonshire and Peterborough have been meeting online.

KC Attended the Fenland Health and Care Forum where the key issues raised were about difficulties in getting dentist appointments either with own surgery or the emergency dental service. There are also reports of difficulties in contacting GP's for appointments. People have reported long waits on the telephone to speak to a receptionist and difficulties in getting appointments face to face, by phone or video call.

GL These issues are reflected throughout the area and Healthwatch continue to raise them with the relevant authorities.

### **5 Update from PD team- Jo Palmer**

JP The team consists of 4 Senior Social Workers, 14 Social Workers and 9 Adult Support Workers. There are currently 4 vacancies in the team. Each Worker has approximately 15-18 active cases of people that they are with at any time.

JP There are approximately 20 people who have been referred and on the waiting list. These referrals are constantly being reviewed to ensure that situations are understood and that there are no safeguarding concerns to look at or situations that may have deteriorated.

JP There are approximately 6 people waiting for carers assessments and 8 waiting for a review.

JP The team is experiencing a number of pressures due to increase in number of referrals of new people, safeguarding and people who need to have adaptations made to their care and support plans.

The team is also ensuring that staff members take their annual leave, whilst at the same time having to manage other reasons for absence such as illness or having to isolate.

SB The Government have recently published a National Disability Strategy. It is still a work in progress. Discussions are taking place with disability groups and across parliament.

SB There are 8 themes listed below with links to further information:

- [Rights and perceptions: Removing barriers to participating fully in public and civic life and wider society](#)
- [Home: Creating more accessible, adapted and safer homes](#)
- [Transport: Improving the accessibility and experience of everyday journeys](#)
- [Jobs: Making the world of work more inclusive and accessible](#)
- [Education: Ensuring children and young people fulfil their potential](#)
- [Shopping: Creating more consumer choice and convenience](#)
- [Leisure: Widening access to arts, culture, sport and the great outdoors](#)
- [Public services: Making access as smooth and easy as possible](#)

SB Once concern is that some of the themes cover areas which should have been resolved by the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 and the Equality Act 2010 which replaced it, are still to be acted on.

## 6 Priorities for the board update

GL The Partnership Board had set 4 priorities to look at:

- Membership - this is work in progress
- Digital Inclusion - this was a workshop at the AGM Conference, and is a regular focus of work across the Partnership Boards
- Stroke - presented to the Partnership Board on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021
- Hate Crime - held a round table event with Cambridgeshire Police and the Police and Crime Commissioner during National Hate Crime Awareness Week 2020.

## 7 Think Communities

NF Nicola is the Think Communities Coordinator, Peterborough City Council. NF gave a presentation on 'Think Communities'. Each district area in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough has a Think Communities team.

Think Communities is an all-age place-based community approach to build resilient communities. It works in partnership with all levels of local government, voluntary and community sector, public sector and local businesses.

By working together, they can all better support, strengthen and empower people living in the area. They can build communities that:

- Have the confidence to do more for themselves
- Are thriving, inclusive and take positive action
- Are proud of their local initiatives and invested in the future
- Where people have the skills, resources, services, knowledge, and expertise they need to help themselves
- Where people feel safe and are healthy

An example of Think Communities in action is the organic community response to the pandemic, when local communities stepped in to help neighbours with tasks such as shopping, collecting medications etc.

NF Work has been taking place to identify and connect community groups throughout each area.

BB Does each County have a Think Communities Team.

NF They might call it 'Community Development'.

**ACTION:** GL to connect BB with Wendy Lansdown, Think Communities Coordinator for East Cambridgeshire

## **8 Older People's Accommodation Housing Needs Assessment and Care Suites.**

AB Cambridgeshire County and Peterborough City Councils have started to look at what type of accommodation older people may want in the future, accommodation that meets their needs for support but also ensuring their independence. Between 2021 and 2036 it is predicted that the number of people aged 65+ will increase by 48% and the number of people aged 85+ will increase by 110%.

There is currently a mix of:

- care in the person's home
  - assistance with getting up, washing, eating, going out etc
  - technology enabled care
- retirement homes
- care homes
- nursing homes

The Councils are also looking at a new idea called 'Care Suite's'. These are studio flats in a complex that gives the person access to assistance if they need it, but also allows them to live independently. Whilst people live in traditional retirement, care and nursing homes on a lease basis, care suites would be on a tenancy basis which

gives people a lot more security in terms of how long they can live there and so feel really at home. People living in care suites would also have access to communal facilities such as a laundrette, lounge and dining room. Their studio flat would also have a small kitchen facility for making drinks or meals if they wish.

JM How accessible is the Care Suite for people in wheelchairs?

GL It looks as though the bed in the picture is a single bed, what about people who are in relationships? A double bed would take up much more room.

MF Yes, it's a single. That is something that we would need to consider.

JM How big is the flat?

MF 27 square feet.

JP The London planning guidance for studio flat requires a minimum of 37 square feet.

MF We are in the process of having an architect draw up diagrams with proper dimensions.

**ACTION:** GL to email the PDPB with questions posed in the presentation so that people can feedback to AB and MF.

**ACTION:** GL to share the slides and contact details for AB and MF once they have been updated.

## 9 Commissioning Update

KB Commissioning are working on the Early Intervention and Prevention Pseudo Dynamic Purchasing commissioning system. This is where organisations bid for pieces of work in the area of early intervention and prevention. This allows the commissioning authorities (Cambridgeshire County and Peterborough City Council's) to adapt to meet needs of communities more effectively.

KB The commissioning looks at 3 areas of work:

- Supporting hospital discharge and minimising hospitalisation
- Information and advice
- Community support

The Councils are carrying out consultation with groups and carrying out surveys with people who access services.

KB Working with Peterborough City Council on a piece of work to improve access to Peterborough city centre for disabled people.

## 10 Highlights to be taken to the ASCF

## 11 AOB

KC Is there a Disabled Parent Protocol. There have been issues relating to parents with disabilities who have referred themselves for support as they have experienced greater difficulties due to having to home school etc during the pandemic. It connects issues of parenting and the needs of Young Carers and Young Adult Carers.

KB This has been talked about by the Commissioners and the providers of the All-Age Carers Service.

JM The Disabled Parents Network may have information that can be used. Not sure if it is still running though.

**ACTION:** GL will check after the meeting and add to the minutes.

**ACTION:** Connect KC with Laura Green (Carer Support Team at CCC), KB and Tara Mackey of commissioning.

Post meeting note:

GL The Disabled Parents Network has ceased operations, but their website has useful information on it <https://disabledparentsnetwork.org.uk/>

### Next Meeting

**Date:** 9<sup>th</sup> November 2021

**Time:** 11am to 1pm (pre meeting for Independent Members from 10am)

**Venue:** The Maple Centre\*  
Oak Drive  
Huntingdon

\* Subject to Coronavirus Regulations that are in place at the time. This may mean that the meeting is online.