

## **SENSORY IMPAIRMENT PARTNERSHIP BOARD**

13<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Zoom meeting

### **Minutes**

Attending

AWB	Andrew William-Barnes	Deaf Blind UK
KB	Karen Berkley	Peterborough City Council
PB	Pauline Brown	Independent Member
AH	Anita Howard	Think Communities, CCC
MJ	Mike Jenkins	CamSight
FK	Fiona Kerr	Cambs Hearing Help
GL	Graham Lewis	Healthwatch
PMc	Paul McCloskey	Independent member
HM	Helena Melbourne	CCC Sensory Impairment Team
TR	Tom Rawlings	Hunts Blind
KR	Khadija Raza	Independent Member
MS	Mick Scadden	Chair and Independent Member
VS	Vera Shilling	Independent Member
WW	Warren Wilson	RNIB
MW	Mike Wycherley	Deaf Blind UK
RV	Roger Valentine	Peterborough City Council

Apologies

JC	Jackie Cook	Independent Member
----	-------------	--------------------

AP Andrew Palmer

CDA

CS Charlotte Salf

Technology Enabled Care Manager, CCC

## **1. Welcome, Apologies, and Introductions**

Introductions were made and GL asked the meeting if it was okay to record the meeting for the purpose of minutes. GL also explained the Closed Captions facility.

## **2. Minutes and Action Log**

The minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021 were approved.

Action Log

Item 106 closed

Items completed – 109, 110, 112, 113, 114 and 115 completed.

## **3. Feedback from Independent members.**

The main issue that was raised concerned the use of e-bikes and e-scooters. There had been an incident outside Sainsburys in Huntingdon where a white cain user was hit by someone riding an e-scooter in a pedestrian zone. There was also a question on the police approach to e-scooters as these are now a common sight on the roads and unfortunately on pavements etc.

**ACTION:** GL to contact the Police to find out their approach.

It was identified that a new care home is being built in Godmanchester and there were concerns about the location and design. The Partnership Board noted that they had had a presentation on the Older People's Accommodation Needs Assessment.

**ACTION:** GL to request an update from Commissioning.

It was noted that people can look at, and comment on, local planning applications. Some areas have planning access groups that review and comment on planning applications.

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

The Adult Social Care Forum (ASCF) met and agreed its action plan for delivering on its priorities:

- Digital inclusion/ exclusion
- Transition
- Co-Production

Shared Care Record – a cross board meeting to learn about and give feedback on the proposed Shared Care Record

At the Healthwatch Health and Care Forums there have been presentations on the Integrated Care System and from the Chief Pharmacist for the CCG.

#### **5. Living Sport**

Rebecca Evans gave a presentation on the County Wide Activity Strategy.

Living Sport is a charity and is the Active Partnership for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. They have a vision to improve the health and wellbeing of people living in the area by inspiring them to be active.

Sport and Activity is very general – about movement.

A working group was set up with representatives from a range of disability organisations – living sport, headway, sense, Cambs FA etc. This work is supported by a county network of around 180 disability organisations and people from disability, sport and physical activity sector to promote and develop physical activity opportunities for disabled people.

The pandemic has had a disproportionate impact on the activity levels of Disabled people. Physical activity is an opportunity to improve health and wellbeing, as well as make social connections.

Living Sport have been listening to understand what is important to Disabled people and what the broader barriers are to being active locally. They have collaborated with stakeholders to build on existing momentum to address the inequalities people experience in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. Influencing change.

Working around the Social Model of Disability – that society is disabling people rather than the impairment. Working alongside the Activity Alliance which has 10 principles:

- My channels (how I receive information – social media, newspaper etc)

- My locality
- Me not my impairment
- My values
- My life story
- Reassure me
- Include me
- Listen to me
- Welcome me
- Show me

This strategy is pulling people/organisations together based on these principles to enable people to become active.

Creating the conditions for Disabled people to be active:

People – people with disabilities and people without disabilities, people with skills, self-care, confidence, attitudes, perception and support.

Environment – accessible, spaces to be active, adapted, inclusive and in my area

Workforce – confidence, support, representation, attitudes and skills

What would success look like to you from this strategy?

If there was one thing, that could be done to make the conditions to be active better, what would this be?

What is the one thing that needs to stop to enable people to be active?

Would you like to be further involved in the strategy? And how?

## **6. Commissioner and Service Manager Update**

KB The new procurement process for Early Intervention and Prevention services is in progress.

## **7. Think Communities**

Anita Howard of the Think Communities Team from Cambridgeshire County Council gave a presentation on Think Communities.

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. The teams are based on the district council areas and look at capacity building, systems and community led support.

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.

Another example is that of 'play streets' in Sawston where streets are closed to allow children to play in the street safely. The Think Communities team were able to help people navigate the system; a member of the public now has this skill/knowledge and is mentoring others to set these up.

In Orchard Park a Parent Group has been set up in evenings for those who can't attend such groups during the day. Whilst, in Northstowe an arts and culture group is being set up.

KB explained that commissioning at Peterborough City and Cambridgeshire County Council's are looking to work closely with Think Communities.

## **8. Priorities update and highlights to be taken to ASCF**

### Highlights

- GL Continued concerns about E-Scooters
- Outcome of the Older People's Accommodation Needs Assessment
- Community Connectors

## **9. Any Other Business**

Household Support Fund – information had been circulated to all Partnership Boards.

Transport Report – Graham Lewis to follow up

Peterborough Sight and DeafBlind UK

The Trustees of Peterborough Sight are in the process of dissolving the charity.

DeafBlind UK will be supporting people who are currently members of Peterborough Sight who wish to get support from them. DeafBlind UK

will be using the name 'Peterborough Sight' for a support group in Peterborough.

If people have questions, could they please contact Mike Wycherley at DeafBlind UK on [Michael.wycherley@deafblind.org.uk](mailto:Michael.wycherley@deafblind.org.uk)

Q I thought DeafBlind UK was for dual sensory loss, not single sensory loss?

MW A special case has been made for Peterborough Sight members.

Q Can people be referred to Peterborough Sight if they seek to access services once it has dissolved and is a working name of DeafBlind UK?

MW No, DeafBlind UK are not repositioning the charity as a visual impairment charity.

### **Date of next meeting**

Date: 17<sup>th</sup> February 2022 (please note that this is a Thursday)

Time: 11am to 1pm

Venue: Zoom