

Physical Disability Partnership Board - end of year report March 2020

Introduction

The Physical Disability Partnership Board (PDPB) enables service user's voices to be heard. Membership of the PDPB includes people with lived experience of disability, representatives from voluntary organisations and statutory services such as health and social care.

The role of the PDPB is to:

- Raise practice issues and concerns with the Councils through the Adult Social Care Forum.
- Share examples of good practice.
- Identify common themes and problems.
- Discuss ideas and issues that are important to them.
- Help the Council to design and deliver services that meet people's needs.

In 2018-19 there was a review of the Partnership Boards in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. The Peterborough City and Cambridgeshire County Council's decided that their partnership boards should merge. The Cambridgeshire Board has been facilitated by Healthwatch, whilst the Peterborough Board was facilitated by Peterborough City Council.

During 2019-20 we have worked with both Partnership Boards to merge them. Key tasks in this included consulting on the Terms of Reference for the new merged Partnership Board and introducing the Independent Members to each other. At the start of the year this Partnership Board was known as the Physical Disability and Sensory Impairment Partnership board, whilst in Peterborough they had two separate Partnership Boards: one for Physical Disability and the other for Sensory Impairment. At the 21st May 2019 meeting it was decided to separate in preparation for the merger with the Peterborough Board.

The first merged meeting was on 3rd December 2019.

The Physical Disability and Sensory Impairment Partnership Board was Chaired by Michael Scadden who is now Chair of the Sensory Impairment Partnership Board. The Physical Disability Partnership Board has not appointed a Chair, this is planned for early 2020-21.

Through their regular meetings the PDPB can work together to ensure the highest quality and best value services for people locally.

Issues are tracked through the PDPB's Action Log and members can see what actions are being taken and to report back to their networks.

During the year the PDPB has:

had presentations and discussions on:

- Mystery Shopping Exercise at Addenbrookes Hospital by Board member Russell Henke
- Accessibility in a health centre

Has discussed at how best to involve the Physical Disability team in the work of the Board.

Has been consulted and given feedback on:

- Early Intervention Prevention Review and Framework Agreement
- Proposed changes to Cambridgeshire County Council Adult Social Care Charging Policy
- Integrated Community Equipment Service as part of pre-tender process

An example of the Partnership Boards activity in 2019-20 which has made a big difference

You said...	We did...
People were having to wait a long time to get the reports following assessment.	We raised this at the ASCF. On investigation it was discovered that the computer system would automatically release the report when all actions completed. The computer system needed to be manually tasked to send people their report. Staff have now been given information to ensure this happens.

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Cambridgeshire: <https://www.healthwatchcambridgeshire.co.uk/news-and-reports/search?keyword=physical+disability>

Peterborough: <https://www.healthwatchpeterborough.co.uk/news-and-reports/search?keyword=physical+disability>