

Sensory Impairment Partnership Board - end of year report March 2020

Introduction

The Sensory Impairment Partnership Board (SIPB) 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 SIPB 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 due to take place on 31st March 2020; however, due to the restrictions that were put in place as part of the response to the Covid-19 pandemic the meeting was cancelled.

The Physical Disability and Sensory Impairment Partnership Board was Chaired by Michael Scadden who is now Chair of the Sensory Impairment Partnership Board.

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

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

During the year the SIPB has:

- had regular updates from the Sensory Impairment and Technology Enabled Care team.
- been consulted and given feedback on:
 - Proposed changes to Cambridgeshire County Council Adult Social Care Charging Policy
 - Early Intervention Prevention and Review Framework Agreement

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You can find out more about the Partnership Board on our websites:

Cambridgeshire: https://www.healthwatchcambridgeshire.co.uk/news-and-reports/search?keyword=sensory+impairment&field_article_type_tid%5B%5D=103

Peterborough: https://www.healthwatchpeterborough.co.uk/news-and-reports/search?keyword=sensory+impairment&field_article_type_tid%5B%5D=103