



ADULT LEARNING DISABILITY LOCAL INVOLVEMENT GROUP

Minutes Omagh 20th April 2021

Attendees:

Chair

Dianne Crozier

WHSC

Claire Farry Senior Social Worker, Jonathan McGuigan Involvement Facilitator, Julie McGinty Involvement Manager, Christine McLaughlin Assistant Director and Margaret Mulligan Head of Service

Service User/Carer

Khadija and Carla Priestley, Leslie Crozier, Gordon McKinley, Lorraine Armstrong

No.		Lead Person	Action
1.	<u>Apologies</u> Frances and Aisling McHugh		
	<u>Welcome and Introductions</u> The meeting began at 7.05pm		

<p>2.</p>	<p><u>Previous Minutes / Matters Arising</u></p> <p>The previous months LIG minutes were agreed and signed off. Jonathan McGuigan began the meeting with the facilitators update focusing on the Involvement Workshop held on 24th March particularly around the corporate language used on the Online Hub and Involvement correspondence such as the Terms of Reference and Welcome packs. Any attendees who would be interested in joining a working group to focus on updating the Hub or working group to look at the language and style of the Action Plan should contact Jonathan directly.</p>	<p>JonathanMcG</p>	<p>Jonathan to gauge interest and follow up Workgroup- Website Workgroup- Involvement Plan</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p><u>Assistant Director Update</u></p> <p>Christine McLaughlin updated the group on a meeting before Easter attended by a number of MLAs about Learning Disability funding and spend. The meeting was also attended by Karen O'Brien, Director of Adult Mental Health and Physical Disability, and Neil Guckian. Christine reported that 16/17 year spend of £30.7m, increased to £48.8m as of Feb 20/21, an overall increase of 60%. Christine noted how useful the meeting was and gave commitment from the Trust to continue meeting and corresponding with the MLAs going forward as required.</p> <p>Dianne Crozier thanked Christine for the update and the discussion moved to Self Directed Support and direct payments, specifically whether it allowed 'mix and match' packages of care and the 'pooling' of direct payments by a number of users to avail of a particular service. Christine noted that there is no extra funding for direct payments or self-directed support and as such the Trust would work</p>	<p>LD/Involvement team</p>	



<p>4.</p>	<p>directly with the LIGs and other service users and parents to promote creative thinking around services as a priority. Dianne highlighted this type of thinking as very important in regards to the lack of day opportunities in the southern sector and said would welcome the opportunity to focus some thinking around the development of day opportunities in the Omagh area.</p> <p>Margaret Mulligan updated the group on the current day opportunities work carried out independently by the 'Now' Group in the Omagh area and who the Trust has approached with regard to contracting group to provide a range of day opportunities for service users. Questioned whether there is a building that could be used for opps in Omagh Margaret explained the Fresh Focus remodelling that took place in Enniskillen where a day centre was remodelled to focus on day opportunities. This was challenging as some users had to move from an existing centre so any remodelling of existing sites would cause care disruption for some.</p> <p>The group questioned whether the Now Groups provision of service in Omagh has been finalised with the Trust without input from families and Margaret confirmed that no service has been agreed and will be shaped by social work referrals and families will be consulted.</p> <p>The group requested a sustainable opps location which would have recurring funding. This was a priority of the Trust. Margaret also noted the work carried out by the Local Engagement Group, LEP, which consists of local providers from across the community working with carers and service users to promote their services.</p> <p>The members felt frustration at the lack of services and momentum from the Trust and elected representatives in the Omagh area.</p>	<p>LD/Involvement Team</p>	<p>Day opportunities Now Group work to be taken forward by LD in collaboration with families and service users</p>
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<p>5.</p>	<p>Christine apologised to those feeling let down and noted it was difficult to hear but understood their frustrations and that the Trust has struggled with day opportunities in Omagh. She assured the group day opps were a priority moving forward and would be done so with family collaboration and input. The group agreed that the Omagh LIG should make this one of 2 priorities for the area.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Engaging the Wider Community 2. Development of Day Opportunities 		
<p>6.</p>	<p>Julie updated the group on a proposal 'Reconnecting Communities', a proposal that she has been working on in collaboration with the local council inclusion officers and the Public Health Agency, which would be a number of fun social events for service users and their families over the summer months (Covid restrictions withstanding). She will update the groups at the May meetings. These events would help raise the profile of Involvement and the LIGs and engage with the wider community, feeding into the day opportunities piece to help scope need amongst those attending. The group may be able to use this as a vehicle to involve the wider community in gathering some information re Day Opportunities. Julie suggested the use of a 'suggestion box' at the events.</p> <p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>Gordon requested a breakdown of the LIGs spending for the 20/21 year. Jonathan will provide this info to the group. Due to the success of the LIG funded Phil O'Connor art classes Dianne raised the idea of a possible art exhibition of works by service users completed while in lockdown and Jonathan will take this forward with those interested.</p>	<p>Involvement Team</p> <p>Involvement Team</p>	<p>Involvement team to plan and take forward over the coming months with LIG input</p> <p>Jonathan will organise funding information and exhibition</p>



Date and time of next meeting

8th June at 7.00pm via Zoom

