



STRABANE ADULT LEARNING DISABILITY LOCAL INVOLVEMENT GROUP

Minutes

12 April 2021

Attendees:

Chair

Gerard Devine, Carer

WHSC

Eileen Maguire, Community Services Manager
Victoria Young, Glenside Day Centre Manager
Deirdre Kelly, Local Involvement Facilitator

Christine McLaughlin, Assistant Director, Learning Disability Services
Julie McGinty, Involvement Business Manager

Service User/Carer

Paul Herron, Service User

No.		Lead Person	Action
1	<u>Apologies</u> None		
	<u>Welcome and Introductions</u> Gerald Devine welcomed everyone to the meeting.		

<p>2</p>	<p>Summary of Planning Workshop held on 24th March</p> <p>A brief overview of the Planning Workshop which took place on 24th March was given by Deirdre Kelly. This workshop focussed on the ALD Hub on the WHSCT Website and the Involvement Action Plan. A report of the workshop was included with the papers for the meeting.</p> <p>As a result of the workshop it is proposed that 2 subgroups with service user and carer representatives be created to inform the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALD Hub on the WHSCT Website • Language and style of the Involvement Action Plan 	<p>All members</p>	<p>Consider if they wish to join one of these subgroups.</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>Local Priorities</p> <p>A brief discussion took place about the Local Priorities. Gerard Devine stated that in the past the need for a new day centre and short break facilities had been identified as priorities. Eileen Maguire spoke about the review of day centres which had been carried out. In this review the need for a new building for Glenside and day opportunities for transitions was identified. It was agreed that, due to the small numbers in attendance at the meeting, decisions on priorities could not be made.</p> <p>Julie McGinty suggested that suggested that involving the wider community in the LIG meetings should be a priority. The group agreed that this should be an initial priority. Paul Herron suggested using the library as a meeting place or a fun day as methods of getting people interested in becoming involved with the LIG.</p>		

4	<p>Proposal for ‘Reconnecting’ over the summer months</p> <p>Julie McGinty briefly outlined a proposal for series of outdoor events to be held in the summer months in the LIG areas to allow service users / carers to ‘reconnect’ with each other. A meeting has been arranged with the Social Inclusion Officer in the local council areas and a representative from the Public Health Agency to discuss this proposition. An update will be given at the next LIG meeting.</p>	Julie McGinty / Deirdre Kelly	Meet with Social Inclusion Officer from the local councils and representative from the Public Health Agency.
5	<p>Local Finance Update</p> <p>Deirdre Kelly informed the group that the Strabane LIG budget had been used to purchase</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draw ‘n’ Dance Workshops • SingTonicity Workshops • Sensory room equipment for Glenside • Tablets and a karaoke machine for Glenside and the Satellite Unit <p>The only requests not fulfilled from the 20/21 Strabane LIG budget were furniture for the Satellite Unit and arts/crafts materials for Glenside.</p>		
6	<p>Any other business</p> <p><u>Curly Hill (Golden Lane)</u></p> <p>Eileen Maguire gave a brief overview of the Curly Hill (Golden Lane) project. The project will provide supported living accommodation for 15 residents and 7 short break beds. It is due to be completed in September 2022. MENCAP would welcome nominations from service users and carers to be part of a focus group informing the design of the accommodation. They have agreed to attend a future LIG meeting to give a virtual tour of the new facility. Eileen Maguire agreed to liaise with MENCAP to ascertain if they can attend the LIG meeting in May. Julie McGinty suggested that the Involvement team will be happy to support involvement of service users and carers in this process. Christine McLaughlin highlighted the fact that people from outside the Strabane area will be availing of the short break accommodation and that it would</p>	<p>Eileen Maguire</p> <p>Deirdre Kelly</p>	<p>Liaise with MENCAP regarding attendance at LIG meeting.</p> <p>Will liaise with Jonathan, Eileen Maguire and Victoria to support</p>



	<p>be important to include people from the Omagh area and also to target those who will potentially be using these services for involvement. Deirdre will liaise with Jonathan the Omagh facilitator, Eileen and Day Centre manager to facilitate this process.</p> <p><u>“Getting the best from your meeting” training for Chairs and Co-chairs</u> The above training has been organised for the LIG Chairs and Co-chairs on 25th May at 3.00 – 4.30pm. Deirdre Kelly will contact Mary Galbraith to ask if Mary wishes to be included in meetings and to check re her position as co-chair.</p> <p><u>Timing of meetings</u> Following Paul Herron’s suggestion that the meetings should be held during the day a survey of all members was carried out. All those who responded indicated that they would attend daytime meetings. Victoria Young stated that Glenside Day Centre could facilitate the meetings from 3pm. Christine McLaughlin suggested that an alternative venue could be sought for daytime meetings if necessary. Julie McGinty stated that the decision to change the meeting to day time was “too close to call” and suggested alternating meetings between the day and evening times. A decision on this matter will be taken at the next LIG meeting.</p>	Deirdre Kelly	<p>inclusion of identified service users and carers in this process.</p> <p>Deirdre will phone Mary Galbraith</p>
7	<p><u>Next Meeting</u> 24th May at 7pm in Glenside.</p>		