

LIMAVADY ADULT LEARNING DISABILITY LOCAL INVOLVEMENT GROUP

Minutes

15 April 2021

Attendees:

Chair

Julie McGinty, Involvement Business Manager

WHSCCT

Maire Boyle, Head of Service

Deirdre Kelly, Involvement Facilitator

Christine McLaughlin, Assistant Director

Service User/Carer

Danielle McCrudden, Carer

Charlotte Kidd, Carer

Ann Hamill, Carer

Claire Hamill, Service User

Stephanie Hilditch, Glenshane Care Association

Joanne Kinnear, Manager, LCDI

No.		Lead Person	Action
1	<u>Apologies</u> Vanessa Carlin, Benbradagh Day Centre Manager		

	<p>Welcome and Introductions</p> <p>Introductions were made by all present. Julie McGinty informed the group that John McCann has taken a step back from the process and noted acknowledgement and thanks to him for his dedication and contribution to the process.</p>		
2	<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 (4-5 people in total- probably 2 meetings over next few months) • Language and style of the Involvement Action Plan (4-5 people in total for 1 meeting) <p>Deirdre will follow up with members.</p>	Deirdre Kelly	Send invitation to sit on subgroups.
3	<p>Local Priorities</p> <p>Julie McGinty outlined the priority areas for the Limavady LIG which had been taken to the SIG previously:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short breaks • Day care • Out of hours activities • Increasing the numbers of volunteers • Multi Use Garden Area (MUGA) 		

	<p>She suggested that encouraging more people to become involved in the involvement process could be agreed as a priority. There was consensus from all those present that they should explore ways of reaching the wider learning disability community. Members felt that the LIG meetings can be too formal and that maybe a more casual approach would encourage more participation. Charlotte Kidd suggested sending out surveys or a socially distanced event to explore the priorities.</p>		
4	<p>Proposal for ‘Reconnecting’ over the summer months 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 Derry and Strabane District Council and Fermanagh and Omagh District Council and a representative from the Public Health Agency to discuss this proposal. Julie is unsure at this moment who the contact is in Causeway Coast and Glens but will find out at the meeting. Joanne Kinnear said CCAG Council are a wonderful Council to work with and she would help identify the appropriate person within the Council. Julie said she would contact Joanne outside of the meeting,</p>		
5	<p>Any other business <u>Membership of LIG</u> Discussion took place regarding the best way to hear the views of service users – should they be part of the LIG or a group in their own rights? Claire Hamill said that service users should be part of the meeting to hear what is being said but she agreed that the subject matter of the LIG can sometimes be overwhelming. Joanne Kinnear stated that there is currently a group of service users within LCDI doing a course on lobbying. She suggested they could be a resource for obtaining the views of service users. Julie McGinty agreed to contact her about this.</p>	Julie McGinty	Contact Joanne Kinnear regarding service users doing course on lobbying.

	<p><u>Roles of Chair and Co-chair</u> Julie McGinty informed the group that the roles of Chair and Co-chair are currently vacant. She encouraged everyone to think about taking on these roles in the future.</p> <p><u>Short breaks</u> Discussion took place regarding the relatively low response to the questionnaire which was distributed regarding short break provision in the Limavady area.</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.</p> <p><u>Timing of meetings</u> A survey was sent to attendees asking them if they would like the LIG meetings to take place at night or during the day. This survey will be re-sent.</p>	Deirdre Kelly	Send out survey.
10	<p><u>Next Meeting</u> 27th May 2021.</p>		