

## DERRY ADULT LEARNING DISABILITY LOCAL INVOLVEMENT GROUP

### Minutes

13 April 2021

#### Attendees:

##### Chair

Gerry Craig, Carer

##### WHSCCT

Maire Boyle, Head of Service

Margaret Murphy, Community Services Manager

Deirdre Kelly, Involvement Facilitator

Julie McGinty, Involvement Business Manager

Christine McLaughlin, Assistant Director, WHSCCT

##### Service User/Carer

Martin White, Carer

John Craig, Carer

No.		Lead Person	Action
1	<u>Apologies</u> None		

	<p><b><u>Welcome and Introductions</u></b> Gerry Craig welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>		
2	<p><b>Summary of Planning Workshop held on 24<sup>th</sup> March</b> A brief overview of the Planning Workshop which took place on 24<sup>th</sup> 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"> <li>• ALD Hub on the WHSCT Website</li> <li>• Language and style of the Involvement Action Plan</li> </ul> <p>Discussion took place regarding the input of service users in the ALD Hub. Julie McGinty informed the meeting that MENCAP staff had offered to facilitate a meeting. Gerry Craig suggested that service users from Destined and Foyle Downs Syndrome could also be involved. Julie replied that she imagined some of the service users involved with MENCAP may also be linked with these services but she will check this out. Julie is hopeful this work will take place and be completed by end June.</p> <p>Martin White suggested that a launch event be held for the Involvement Action Plan. Julie McGinty agreed that a launch, possibly later in the year, should take place. Gerry Craig suggested that contact be made with individual groups of service users and carers. He also suggested that leaflets be made available.</p>	All members	Consider if they wish to join one of these subgroups.

3	<p><b>Local Priorities</b></p> <p>Julie McGinty stated that local priorities had previously been agreed but that they may have changed. Members suggested that this issue should be addressed at a future meeting when there are greater numbers present. Julie suggested that encouraging more people in the wider community to become involved in this process could be agreed as a priority for the Local area. Martin White agreed, stating that it was time the group should actively seek new members.</p>		
4	<p><b>Proposal for 'Reconnecting' over the summer months</b></p> <p>Julie McGinty briefly outlined a proposal for a 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><b>Local Finance Update</b></p> <p>Deirdre Kelly informed the group that the Derry LIG budget had been used to purchase</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draw 'n' Dance Workshops</li> <li>• SingTonicity Workshops</li> <li>• Disability bike for Maybrook</li> <li>• Pieces of entertainment equipment eg tablets for the Valley Centre</li> </ul>		

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**Any other business**

Update from Christine McLaughlin

Christine McLaughlin gave a brief overview of a meeting she had with MLAs, Karen O'Brien and Neil Guckian (Director of Finance) on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2021. She stated that in the years 2016/17 to the present time there has been a 60% increase in spending in Learning Disability Services from £30.7m to £48.8m.

Resignations

Gerry Craig stated that 4 members had resigned from the Task and Finish Group and the LIG. He passed on his thanks for the work and dedication which they have shown.

Chair Co-chair Training

Training has been arranged for the Chairs and co-chairs of the groups on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May from 3-4.30. A zoom link will be sent ahead of this date.

Time of meetings

John Craig asked if the meetings could be moved to 11am. Gerry Craig agreed with him. They explained that this would be more suitable for them in terms of their caring duties. Martin White stated that, as he is retired, daytime meetings would suit him also if this was the consensus. A survey had been sent to all attendees of the Derry LIG by the Local Involvement Facilitator – those who replied indicated their preference for daytime meetings. Julie McGinty stated that some people wanted daytime meetings whilst others preferred evenings and that perhaps the best way forward would be to alternate day and evening meetings and gauge the level of attendance at each.

10	<b><u>Next Meeting</u></b> 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 7pm.		
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