



## FERMANAGH ADULT LEARNING DISABILITY LOCAL INVOLVEMENT GROUP

### Minutes

21<sup>st</sup> July 2021

#### **Attendees:**

##### **Chair**

Aimee Storey, Carer

##### **WHSC**

Christine McLaughlin, Assistant Director, WHSCT  
Margaret Mulligan, Head of Service

Julie McGinty, Involvement Business Manager  
Deirdre Kelly, Involvement Facilitator

##### **Service User/Carer**

Eileen McDonagh, Service User  
Peter McBrearty, Service User  
Caroline Dixon, Carer

Caroline Kelly, Carer  
Kay Armstrong, Carer

No.		Lead Person	Action
1	<p><b><u>Apologies</u></b>            Caroline Bogue, Carer            Jonathan McGuigan, Local Involvement Facilitator</p>		
	<p><b><u>Welcome and Introductions</u></b>            Julie McGinty welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>		
2	<p><b><u>Minutes of previous meeting</u></b>            Julie McGinty informed the group that the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speech and Language Therapy presentation has been sent to them</li> <li>• Previous SIG minutes are on the Hub</li> <li>• Previous LIG minutes are on the Hub</li> </ul> <p>Caroline Kelly suggested that the minutes of the previous meeting should be read through so that members can agree their accuracy. Julie McGinty replied that we will do this in future but would not like to do this line by line given the timeframe of the meeting. The minutes are distributed to members before the meeting and members are asked to provide their comments/ amendments and also items for Agenda. Matters arising are usually picked up through the Agenda.</p> <p>Margaret remarked that it is important that if we want to progress any business that the group should be guided by the agreed Agenda Items and be mindful that we have an hour and a half in which to address each item.</p>	<p><b>Chair/Facilitator</b></p>	

<p>3</p>	<p><b><u>PPI Managers Update</u></b>  <b>Reconnecting Events</b>  Julie McGinty gave an update on the Reconnecting Events. Unfortunately the first event in Fermanagh was cancelled. It will be re-arranged and members will be informed of the new date.</p> <p>Caroline Kelly stated that there had been confusion about the meaning of “reconnect” in relation to these events. Julie said the events had been discussed at the last number of LIGs and at the SIG meeting. The events are simply to afford an opportunity for carers and service users to meet socially and safely following a difficult year which saw many isolated.</p> <p><b>Art Exhibition</b>  An Art Exhibition is being organised for August. A total of 14 Service Users will be submitting work for the event. In response to a query from Caroline Dixon regarding the selection of the Service Users, Julie McGinty explained that the opportunity to participate was widely advertised.</p> <p><b>Summer Sessions</b>  Margaret Mulligan gave an update on the summer sessions. This is a 4 week programme which will include activities such as drumming and crafts. She explained that Geraldine McGurk is taking the lead on organising the sessions but COVID restrictions are having an impact.</p> <p><b>Learning Disability Week</b>  Julie McGinty informed the group that the support provided to the Day Centres to organise events for Learning Disability Week was well received. The new “Have Your Say” leaflets were distributed at the events.</p>		
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	<p>Aimee Storey asked if anything has been planned for Service Users with complex needs. Julie McGinty acknowledged that it can be difficult to include this group of Service Users and asked Aimee if she had any suggestions. Aimee agreed to come back to Julie with some proposals.</p>	<p><b>Chair/Facilitator</b></p>	
<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b><u>Any Other Business</u></b>  <b>All About Me and Carers Assessment</b>  Christine McLaughlin suggested that an information or discussion session could be arranged for all the LIGs to discuss “All About Me”. Julie suggested that this could be held as part of the Information session programme which we are currently organising and will include topics such as Direct Payments, Benefit Advice, transitions etc. A short questionnaire has been prepared to send to the wider ALD Community to ensure topics are led and informed by carers and service user needs</p> <p><b>Planned SCOPE Involvement Training</b>  Julie McGinty informed the group that Martin McCrory has agreed to provide further Scope Involvement Training later in the year. In response to a question about staff training on involvement, Julie McGinty stated that she is discussing this with Martin McCrory and Bronach McMonagle.</p> <p><b>Additional premises</b>  In response to a query about additional properties due to the COVID pandemic, Christine McLaughlin stated that there are very stringent processes required by the Department of Health and the Regulation and Quality Improvement Authority which need to be adhered to. She informed the group that a review of social distancing and infection control guidelines has been commissioned by the Department of Health but at present the 2metre requirement is still in place.</p>	<p><b>Involvement team</b></p> <p><b>Julie McGinty</b></p>	<p><b>Dissemination of topics to families and collation of returns, scheduling sessions.</b></p> <p><b>Followup with Martin McCrory</b></p>

<p>Margaret Mulligan agreed with Christine and gave some examples of how the Trust is trying to increase footfall within the existing premises whilst still adhering to Department of Health guidelines eg creating more space by removing furniture. Caroline Kelly stated that transparency is needed to engender trust of the WHSCT. Margaret Mulligan replied that she has previously presented to the group on the position regarding the re-build of services.</p> <p><b>Future of Involvement Process</b> Christine McLaughlin stated that there needs to be clarity regionally on how involvement should take place in Learning Disability and she will discuss with her counterparts the process used in other Trusts. Carers need to be involved on a regular basis and “dipping in and out” of meetings does not work. All agreed that the current “Hub and Spoke Model of Improvement” is not working.</p> <p>Julie McGinty informed the group that the Trust’s Integrated Involvement Plan is currently being updated and she is working with Bronach McMonagle (WHSCT Involvement Manager) to ensure Involvement within Learning Disability aligns with the corporate PPI plan.</p> <p>Caroline Kelly asserted that the group had not received an explanation as to what happened with the Task and Finish Group. Julie McGinty replied that the task and finish group was always meant to be time-bound and to be continued via the SIG.</p> <p><b>Quarterly Information Sessions</b> Caroline Dixon said she felt that information is not openly given by the Trust.</p>	<p><b>Christine McLaughlin</b></p> <p><b>Julie McGinty</b></p> <p><b>Jonathan McGuigan</b></p>	
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<p>Julie said that a number of LIGs have asked for information along the same lines and that she has discussed the co-ordination of a series of Information Sessions with Jonathan McGuigan.</p> <p><b>SIG Preparation</b> Julie McGinty asked that the group agree their priorities/ discussions in advance of the SIG meeting. These conversations will be represented to the SIG by Aimee and Kay.</p> <p><b>Information</b> Caroline Kelly stated that the Fermanagh LIG are trying to start a relationship with the Trust and asked are the other LIGs better informed. Julie McGinty replied that the other LIGs also request information and suggested this be added to the SIG agenda.</p> <p><b>New member</b> Caroline Dixon asked about approaching new members to join the LIG. She also asked about parents of children under 18 being able to attend the LIG. Julie McGinty replied that members of this involvement process should have experience of Adult Services and that prospective members be asked to contact either her or Jonathan McGuigan to go through the induction process. Christine McLaughlin stated that the Terms of Reference would need to be looked at before inviting members of Childrens Services to the LIGs. Julie urged caution at this present minute in time in inviting new members to the group saying the group has agreed this model of Involvement is not working and meetings can be fractious and experience some conflict. Julie felt that we need to have 'our house in order' to be fair to potential new members of the group.</p>		
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