



## ADULT LEARNING DISABILITY LOCAL INVOLVEMENT GROUP

### Omagh minutes 8<sup>st</sup> June 2021

**Attendees:**

**Chair**

Dianne Crozier

**WHSCCT**

Christine McLaughlin Assistant Director of Learning Disability, Margaret Mulligan Head of Service, Julie McGinty Involvement Project Manager, Jonathan McGuigan Involvement Facilitator, Avril Barton Support Worker and Dawn Millar Speech and Language Therapist

**Service User/Carer**

Khadija and Carla Priestley, Leslie Crozier, Lorraine Armstrong, Gordon McKinley, Derryl McQuade, Frances and Aisling McHugh and Kathleen Martin

No.		Lead Person	Action
1.	<p><b><u>Apologies</u></b> No apologies were noted.</p>		
	<p><b><u>Welcome and Introductions</u></b>  The meeting started at 7.05pm. Dianne welcomed and thanked everyone for attending.</p>		

<p>2.</p> <p>3.</p>	<p><b><u>Dawn Millar Speech and Language Therapy Presentation</u></b></p> <p>Dawn talked through an easy read Speech and Language Therapy (SALT) presentation noting updated staffing structure and services the team provides throughout the Western Trust area. The presentation and contact details for Speech and Language will be made available to the group.</p> <p>Dawn noted the lack of Trust wide SALT services in the past and the difficulties to recruit staff in the southern sector but noted recent increased financial resource allows a therapist aswell as a number of technicians now in each sector. The team meet regularly with other Trust staff to train and build skill levels to help communicate with individual service users. Training can involve day long sessions with key workers and facilities to walkthrough appropriate communications systems and service user families can be involved aswell. A dedicated transitions officer within the team liaises directly with social workers to cover SALT with transitions from childrens to adult teams but a new SALT assessment is only completed if individual circumstances require it. Waiting times for eating and swallowing concerns are no longer than 13 weeks.</p> <p>Dianne thanked Dawn for the presentation and noted how useful it was to understand SALT is as much about communication as it is about eating and swallowing. Dianne noted the 5 Steps to Better Communication work rolling out from Lakeview to the day centres may and should focus on wi fi connectivity in Omagh Centre.</p> <p><b><u>Strategic Group Involvement Update</u></b></p> <p>The SIG met on 4<sup>th</sup> May and Dianne talked the group through its outcomes and actions.</p>	<p><b>SALT presentation to be forwarded with next LIGs papers.</b></p> <p><b>W-fi connectivity now live in Omagh Centre.</b></p> <p><b>SIG minutes available on Adult LD Hub.</b></p>
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<p>4.</p> <p>5.</p>	<p><b><u>Engaging the wider community</u></b></p> <p>Jonathan opened the discussion with updates on the celebration events in day centres across the Trust beginning 14<sup>th</sup> June for Adult Learning Disability Awareness week. The Involvement team and senior staff would be attending the events to raise awareness of Involvement and the LIGs with the Have Your Say leaflet which would be distributed to social work teams and centres throughout the sector.</p> <p>Julie continued with an update on the Reconnecting series of events over the summer months with specific dates and venues to be advertised well beforehand through the Trust communication channels. The events will be ticketed and Covid restrictions will be in place. The Involvement team would attend the events to raise involvements profile and seek feedback from attendees on local community issues that could be raised at the LIGs. Information on the events will be made available to the LIG.</p> <p><b><u>Involving service users</u></b></p> <p>Discussion continued to the appropriateness of the group for service users. Julie noted that service user Involvement was not well handled currently and should the users be involved directly with existing key workers supported by the Involvement team as opposed to the team themselves. Jonathan has contacted the Tell It Like It Is (TILI) group and Mencap for input and will be meeting directly with service users, with support from social services, to discuss Involvement and what topics service users would like to focus on with the Have Your Say leaflet.. Dianne reiterated the importance of the LIGs as a carers voice.</p>		<p><b>Reconnecting events to be promoted through all Trust and district council channels aswell as directly by the Involvement Team.</b></p> <p><b>Ongoing agenda for greater discussion with Involvement team and management.</b></p>
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<p>6.</p>	<p><b><u>Any other business</u></b></p> <p>Frances McHugh agreed that the Allied Health Professional element of future LIGs would be valuable and noted the southern sectors interest in Occupational Therapy and its role and current structure.</p> <p>Parents noted the lack of opportunities over the summer with the closure of the South West College and Gordon McKinley highlighted that if we are to encourage more people to become Involved we should show what it can do, for example a regular coffee morning 'meetup'. Christine agreed this was a concern and noted that it was not the sole responsibility of the Trust to provide opportunities. Christine noted the Local Engagement Partnership (LEP) as an avenue interested parents could use to make contact and network with providers. Dianne agreed to represent the group on the LEP.</p> <p>Margaret Mulligan noted the concerns of the attendees in regards to summer opportunities from the previous LIG and has asked Geraldine McGurk, community access worker, to help organise activities over the summer months. While these would not amount to a 'summer club' as such it is hoped some opps would relieve the lack of opps over the summer.</p> <p><b><u>Date and time of next meeting</u></b></p> <p>27<sup>th</sup> July at 7.00pm via Zoom</p>		<p><b>Occupational therapy organising with Jonathan to present at Septembers Omagh LIG.</b></p> <p><b>Jonathan to liaise with community access worker and help promote summer events.</b></p>
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