



ADULT LEARNING DISABILITY LOCAL INVOLVEMENT GROUP
Omagh Minutes 27th July 2021

Attendees:

Chair

Dianne Crozier

WHSC

Christine McLaughlin Assistant Director of Learning Disability; Margaret Mulligan Head of Service; Julie McGinty Involvement Business Manager; Jonathan McGuigan Involvement Facilitator; Claire Farry Team Leader

Service User/Carer

Khadija and Carla Priestley

No.		Action
	<p><u>Apologies</u> Jonathan McGuigan Involvement Facilitator Frances McHugh Carer</p>	
1.	<p><u>Welcome and Introductions</u> Dianne welcomed and thanked everyone for attending. Julie suggested that the group was small with a number of people not attending. She reported that 3 of the other groups had been cancelled due to the number of apologies. It may be that</p>	

	<p>during the summer month's routines change and Julie suggested that it may be worth revisiting with the members whether the groups should meet over the summer months or if they should decide to meet in June and reconvene in September.</p> <p>The group acknowledged that the low numbers does not provide a Quorum to take decisions at this meeting but decided to progress with an update.</p>	
<p>2.</p>	<p><u>Previous Minutes and Matters arising</u></p> <p>Julie gave a brief overview of the previous minutes and updated the group re each action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Speech and Language presentation has been circulated with the meeting papers • Wifi connectivity has been restored in Omagh Day Care Centre • SIG minutes have been uploaded to the Adult LD HUB • Reconnecting events have been advertised and July events have taken place. The event in Irvinestown was cancelled due to COVID but will be rearranged. • Jonathan has been liaising with Geraldine McGurk to arrange a programme of summer activities. The Music Matters sessions have begun today. The first session was cancelled due to Covid and will run with 3 sessions in total 	<p>Julie urged members to support the reconnecting events and register to attend</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p><u>Covid Update</u></p>	



	<p>Christine updated the group re current COVID Guidelines noting that HSC Guidelines have not changed within the Health service. 2m social distancing and infection protection and control measures remain the same.</p> <p>Christine reported that the uptake of vaccines of service users and staff in Western Trust LD services is high- above 70% and this compares favourably with the data in other Trust areas.</p> <p>Christine also reported that currently, we have returned to approximately 55- 57% of pre-covid service delivery.</p> <p>Christine informed the group that the Patient Client Council are taking forward some involvement work on behalf of the Public Health Agency regarding Infection Control Guidelines. The Patient Client Council would like to hear from carers, their experiences of the impact of the guidelines during COVID. This will take the form of a survey and a series of focus groups which will take place in August.</p> <p>Christine encouraged carers to respond.</p> <p>Julie has circulated the link to the survey and the focus group details and this is also on the ALD HUB.</p>	<p>Members are encouraged to complete the survey and register for the focus groups</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p><u>Information Sessions</u></p> <p>Julie updated the group in regard to information sessions. She outlined that Trust staff have heard clearly the need and request for information for carers and are planning a series of information and question and answer sessions to run throughout the year. The sessions will be advertised widely and participants will be asked to send questions in advance of the session. The topics that LIG groups have expressed an interest in to date are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SDS/DP • Needs Assessment/ All about Me • Transitioning from children to adult services/ Positive Futures • Future Planning 	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welfare and Benefit Advice • Family Crisis Support • Allied Health Roles e.g. Acute Liaison Nurses, Dementia and Learning Disability; Occupational Therapy; Behavioural Therapy, Speech and language therapy; 	
<p>5.</p>	<p><u>Summer programme of events</u></p> <p>Julie updated the group re the Reconnecting Communities events across the Council areas. Julie asked members to support these events. In the event that a person cannot be registered if the event is full, she has advised that their name will be put on a waiting list and Council will scrutinise the registration list to ensure equitable access</p> <p>Dianne, Khadija and Carla updated the group re the success of the Art Classes saying that both service users and carers have thoroughly enjoyed this programme and are very much looking forward to the Art Exhibition which will take place on 17th August.</p> <p>Diane asked if the Trust could consider continuing these classes as a day or evening opportunity.</p> <p>Christine responded that should this approach be taken it would then require a tendering process, however, this may not be insurmountable and she will consider further with the involvement team and Head of Service.</p> <p>The Music Matters programme has begun and will run for 3 sessions (the first session was cancelled due to COVID). Julie will get more detail when Jonathan returns from leave.</p>	<p>Members are encouraged to register for planned events and to share information with other carers.</p> <p>Christine will give further consideration to the provision of Art classes as a day or evening opportunity.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p><u>NOW Expansion into Omagh and Fermanagh area</u></p>	



	<p>Christine updated the group regarding the intension of the NOW organisation to expand services into Omagh and Fermanagh. This will expand services considerably within these areas. It is important to note that NOW organisation are independent and have made this move as part of their own organisational planning and independently from the WHSCT. The organisation have secured office space in Omagh and Enniskillen. The organisation will provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A daily programme of support for 25 clients in total (14 per day) • Employment Support • Evening Programme of Social opportunities <p>Following conversations the WHSCT have secured a contract to buy some of these services.</p> <p>Carers and Service Users in the Omagh and Fermanagh area will have an opportunity to engage with NOW to inform and shape the provision of these services.</p> <p>An involvement session will be held in Fermanagh on 10th August and Omagh on 18th August 2021.</p> <p>We will forward and share the details of these sessions widely as soon as we have received them.</p>	<p>Members are encouraged to attend the sessions with NOW on 10th and 18th of August</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Dianne thanked everyone for attending the meeting.</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on 14th September 2021</p>	

