



LIMAVADY ADULT LEARNING DISABILITY LOCAL INVOLVEMENT GROUP

Minutes

27 May 2021

Attendees:

Chair

Julie McGinty, Involvement Business Manager

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Maire Boyle, Head of Service

Donal McNicholl, Social Work Team Leader

Deirdre Kelly, Involvement Facilitator

Christine McLaughlin, Assistant Director

Karen Melvin, Head of Speech and Language Therapy, (Item 2)

Service User/Carer

Siobhan McKeever, Carer

Charlotte Kidd, Carer

Claire Hamill, Service User

Ann Hamill, Carer

No.		Action
1	<u>Apologies</u> Vanessa Carlin, Benbradagh Day Centre Manager Danielle McCrudden, Carer	

	<p>Welcome and Introductions Introductions were made by all present.</p>	
<p>2</p>	<p>Speech and Language Therapy Service – Karen Melvin Karen Melvin, Head of Speech and Language Therapy, gave a short presentation outlining the work of this service. Karen 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 as well as a number of technicians now in each sector. Karen was happy to report that the expansion of this service has allowed staff to address the waiting list.</p> <p>The team meet regularly with other Trust staff and families to provide training and support to help communicate with individual service users. Training can involve day long sessions with key workers and facilities to walkthrough appropriate communications systems.</p> <p>The team has 1 SALT working with transitions and 1 SALT working with Challenging Behaviour.</p> <p>Julie noted that the increased investment in the Speech and Language Therapy Service is as a direct result of the involvement process.</p> <p>The presentation and contact details for Speech and Language will be made available to the group.</p>	<p>Deirdre will circulate the presentation with contact details</p>



<p>3</p>	<p>Engaging the Wider Community</p> <p>Julie McGinty gave a brief overview of the 3 “Reconnecting Communities” events which will take place in the local area over the summer months. They will be held on the following dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18th July from 12-2pm in Scroggy Road • 7th August from 12-2pm in Dungiven • 5th September 12-2pm in Roe Valley Arts and Leisure Centre <p>The events will be held outdoor and include music, activities and refreshments.</p> <p>Discussion took place about how the views of the wider community can be obtained at these events. Options included suggestion boxes and questionnaires.</p> <p>Julie McGinty also updated the group about the programme of activities organised by the Day Centres to celebrate Learning Disability Week from 14th – 21st June.</p>	
<p>4</p>	<p>Involving Service Users</p> <p>Discussion continued to the appropriateness of the group for service users. Members agreed that service user Involvement was not happening as well as it could. One suggestion could be that existing key workers and other staff could be supported to involve service users particularly those with complex needs. Julie suggested that perhaps, with support, Speech and Language Therapists and Behaviour Therapists could facilitate this.</p> <p>For those with less complex needs, we could perhaps explore the possibility of Focus Groups which would look at particular subjects to feed into the wider discussion at LIG’s.</p>	



<p>5</p>	<p>Strategic Involvement Group Update Julie McGinty gave a brief overview of the Strategic Involvement Group meeting which took place on 5th May:</p> <p>SIG notes attached.</p>	 SIG update to LIGs.docx
<p>6</p>	<p>Any other business <u>Engaging the Wider Community</u> Members of the group suggested the possibility of having a drop in coffee morning for carers in one of the local cafes and felt that people with a learning disability could perhaps work in the café on that morning which may provide employment or placement opportunities. Julie McGinty said she would have a conversation to explore this with Elaine Mullan from Orchardville.</p> <p>Members proposed that a social enterprise business could be set up similar to ‘Berries’ which is on the Gransha site, which would be staffed by Service Users. Maire Boyle stated that this suggestion be taken to the Social Enterprise Sub Group of the Local Engagement Partnership.</p> <p><u>Information session</u> Julie suggested that in response to information that all LIG groups are interested in it may be an idea to arrange a series of one-item information sessions for carers throughout the year eg: Involvement; SDS/DP; Short Break Provision; Benefit Advice; Assessment process; Day Care Provision; Transitions...</p> <p><u>Information Day</u> Deirdre informed the group that she is organising an Information Day for Carers in September. A range of local providers will be in attendance. Carers will also have the opportunity to avail of complimentary therapies.</p>	<p>Julie will Contact Elaine Mullan from Orchardville</p>

	<p><u>Thanks</u> Soibhan McKeever took a moment to personally thank Christine McLaughlin for her kindness and for the support and care she has been shown within ALD services.</p> <p>Julie remarked that it is certainly heartening to hear members voice compliments within the groups and thanked Siobhan.</p>	
7	<p><u>Next Meeting</u> 9th September at 7pm via Zoom.</p>	

