

ADULT LEARNING DISABILITY LOCAL INVOLVEMENT GROUP
Omagh Minutes 14th September 2021

Attendees:

Chair

Dianne Crozier

WHSCCT

Christine McLaughlin Assistant Director of Learning Disability; Julie McGinty Involvement Business Manager; Jonathan McGuigan Involvement Facilitator, Alison Irvine Senior Social Worker and Avril Barton Senior Family Support Worker.

Service User/Carer

Khadija and Carla Priestley, Seanna and Derryl Mc Quade, Gordon McKinley, Kathleen Martin.

No.		Action
	<p><u>Apologies</u> Frances and Aisling McHugh and Lorraine Armstrong. Margaret Mulligan HOS, Claire McCauley, Claire Farry, Niall Campbell WHSCT staff.</p>	
1.	<p><u>Welcome and Introductions</u> Dianne welcomed and thanked everyone for attending.</p>	

	Jonathan noted in the introductions rescheduling future Omagh LIGs away from Tuesday nights as it clashed with the Special Olympics committee and the ALD choir with Siobhan Heaney.	Jonathan to reschedule and send updated LIG schedule for remainder of the year
2.	<p><u>Previous Minutes and Matters arising</u></p> <p>Jonathan gave a brief overview of Julys minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All further Reconnecting events in the Southern sector have been cancelled due to increased Covid 19 cases and as such the southern sector local inclusion council officer Matthew Nevin intends to send activity packs to those who had booked. Matthew will be in touch via email with participants over the next couple of weeks. - Geraldine McGurks summer sessions with Music Matters and the Station Centre aswell as the ALD art exhibition in Omagh Golf Club have been completed and well received. Evaluation forms have been sent to attendees and they are asked to be returned to allow shaping of future sessions. - Any carer and service user responses to PHA and Health Board Involvement opportunities and surveys etc that are linked through the Online Hub and advertised to the ALD community can be supported by the LD Involvement team. - The Now Groups information day was held in August in the Ulster American Folk Park and was well attended. If carers have interest in services provided by the group they are advised to contact their social worker in the first instance. 	Jonathan to followup with the Now Group regards the possibility of further info sessions and easy read materials for dissemination to the wider LD community



<p>3.</p>	<p><u>SIG update</u></p> <p>Dianne Crozier updated the group on the main points of the 4th August SIG. The minutes of the meeting are available on the Online Hub. Derryl McQuade queried whether the Task and Finish Group was still running. Christine had noted the Task and Finish Group was an interim measure while the SIG was formulated; its remit now becoming part of the Strategic Group.</p> <p>While the overall financial breakdown of annual Learning Disability spend was reported through the SIG that group felt the information was ‘too high level’ and not easily understood. The LIG felt an easy read version of the overall spend would help understand the financial breakdown and how the funding was getting to where it was supposed to be. Julie McGinty noted the SIG focused on the £3.2 million of the unmet paper produced a number of years earlier and as such may need updated.</p> <p>Christine and Julie have both followed up with the Health and Social Care Board and the Dept of Health to request representatives to sit on the SIG. Christine noted the Board would not have a rep as they have not done so in the past and Julie has been following up with Martin Quinn from the Dept of Health.</p>	
<p>4</p>	<p><u>Area Profile</u></p> <p>The Area Learning Disability Profile was shared with the group and Julie talked through the categories. Answering a query Christine noted that while 482 on the LD register may not be in receipt of a social service there may be other Health professionals, such as psychiatry, involved. Derryl requested further information on what the 77 users in Omagh with Day Opps and what they were in receipt of aswell as noting that while the number of service users in Strabane was roughly half that of Omagh they had almost double the statutory day opportunities. Derryl requested followup on why this was the case. Julie noted the differences in recording information in both sectors and how the graph categories differed.</p>	

5.	<p>The area profile will be an evolving documents going forward and info will be added and changed as necessary.</p> <p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>The group requested a breakdown of the LIG funding spend so far this year. Jonathan noted that very roughly half had been spent so far.</p> <p>Gordon McKinley asked if the Trusts all operate under the same transport restrictions, noting a conversation with a driver from Larne where the socially distanced bus capacity was not in effect. Christine assured Gordon that all the Trusts operate under the same restrictions to transport capacity and will raise the query with the Regional Transport Group of which Christine is a member.</p> <p>Christine also assured the group that the majority of Learning Disability staff relocated to different roles during Covid had returned to their original jobs and that should there be a Covid spike she would be resisting any reallocation of LD staff to other roles as much as appropriate. As was the case in the previous reallocation of LD staff no staff were deployed outside the Learning Disability community.</p>	
6.	<p><u>Date and time of next meeting</u></p>	

