Learning Disability Partnership Board

Minutes

18 June 2026, Worthing Library



A copy of the minutes will be posted on the council's webpage.



Introduction

This meeting was co-chaired by Andrew Walker (Self-Advocate) and James Ironside (WSCC officer).



The things we focussed on for this meeting were:

- **Adults' Services Update**
  Alan Sinclair, Executive Director of Adults and Health, answered questions about Adults' Services, funding and supported services.

- **Speak Out**
  Speak Out told the Board about their advocacy work and how they help people with learning disabilities have their voices heard.



- **Adults' Services Customer and Carer Conference**
  Members discussed why involvement is important and how people can be involved more effectively.



Presentation 1:

Alan Sinclar, Executive Director of Adults and Health



Alan Sinclair answered questions from Board members about Adults' Services.

Adults' Services spend money on:



- Residential care



- Support for older people



- Supported living services



- Day services



Alan explained that:



- Residential care costs about £1000 weekly.



- Support for older people at home with care workers costs about £300 each week.



- Some people run out of money and need help from the council. More money is given to people with greater support needs.



- Adults' Services gets some more money each year but there are a lot more people who need help.



- We are putting a plan in place to look at how money is used in the future.



- The council is doing well and has a ‘Good’ rating from the Care Quality Commission.



- Occupational therapists check what changes people need at home. Disabled Facilities Grants are available to help with costs.



- You may need to pay some money towards your care and support. This is called your contribution.



- The Casey Commission is looking at how social care can be paid for in future and we can make sure there are enough care workers.

Presentation 2:

Speak Out

Speak Out is an organisation that helps people with learning disabilities speak up about things that are important to them.



Speak Out talked to the Board about what they do:



- Provide advocacy support.



- Have self-advocacy groups and regular meetings every second Friday.



- Support people to speak up about issues that affect them.



- Help people have their voices heard.



- Help people build confidence.



Speak Out is looking for new members to join their group.







Presentation 3:

Adults' Services Customer and Carer Conference

Andrew shared feedback from the Customer and Carer Conference.

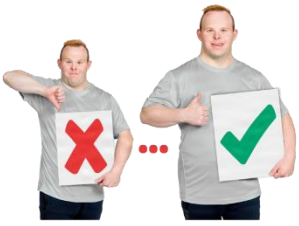
The Board talked about the importance of easy read information and making services accessible for everyone.

Members were asked two questions and gave feedback.



Why is involvement important?

The Board fed back:



- People make a difference.



- Organisations should listen to feedback.



- It helps people in West Sussex to have a voice.



- It means everyone feels included.



How can involvement work well?

The Board fed back:



- Holding meetings in different locations.



- Choosing venues that are easy to travel to.



- Making sure venues are accessible.



- Providing easy read information.



- Sharing information before meetings.



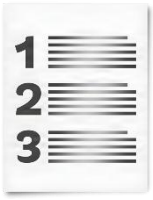
- Follow up on questions and feedback.



- Promoting opportunities to get involved.



- Giving people access to decision makers.



- Creating a directory of services.



Date of next meeting

Thursday 10 September 2026



Venue

To be confirmed