

Meeting minutes 22 May 2025, Worthing Town Hall



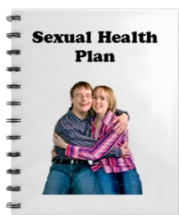
A copy of the minutes will be posted on the council's webpage.

Who came to the Board meeting is listed at the end of these minutes.



Introduction

This meeting was co-chaired by Amanda Jupp (WSCC Councillor) and Andrew Walker (Self-Advocate)



The things we focussed on for this meeting were:

- West Sussex Libraries offer
- Sexual Health Services



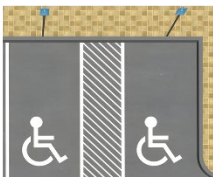
Item 1:

[West Sussex Libraries offer](#)

Jane Blackwell, WSCC Principal Librarian spoke to board members about the types of services and activities available at libraries in West Sussex.

- This includes the West Sussex Disability Register for 0–25-year-olds





Discussion

Jane asked the board members for their feedback on the following questions.

If you don't use your local library, why not?

Board members gave the following answers:

- Accessibility for those working full time due to library opening hours
- Parking at some libraries
- People worry about asking for help
- People worry they may forget to take back books and get a fine



What would you like to see in libraries?



These are some of the answers Board members gave.



- Clubs and Activities like Lego, Dungeons and Dragons.



- Activities like jigsaw puzzles and retro video games.



- Books with signs/Makaton to support understanding for everyone.



- More support and assistance to help people access libraries.



- Mindfulness or meditation sessions



- Clear signage to help find things (for example the toilets)



- Information on activities and support



- Public health information on – being healthy, sexual health, mental health advice, etc.



Did you know about the disability register? If you didn't, how can we let more people know about it?



- Not all members knew about the disability register.
- Those who did work with people over the age limit of 25.

Here are some useful links to websites from the library service.

- The Library website:
[West Sussex Libraries Homepage - West Sussex](#)
- The Library SEND offer:
[Special Educational Needs and Disabilities - West Sussex](#)
- The West Sussex Disability Register 0-25:
[West Sussex Disability Register - West Sussex Disability Register - West Sussex](#)
- Library Learning support:
[Learning - West Sussex](#)
- Library Access for all:
[Library Access for All - West Sussex](#)



Item 2

Sexual Health Strategy

Patrick Stoakes, from the WSCC Public Health Team spoke to board members about the sexual health plan (the work they are doing to improve sexual health services).



Discussion

Board members were asked:

What do you think about information on sexual health, and is there anything else needed?

- Some members felt comfortable to share their experiences
- Some have spoken to doctors and nurses who were helpful and supportive
- Some asked for more information about the support clinics provide
- There was a suggestion that libraries could have leaflets and information on notice boards
- There was a discussion about sexual health tests and contraception.



Information is available but more work is needed for the information to be more accessible for people with learning disabilities.



- Some members talked about a person with a learning disability having children and what support is available.



- People said that information about the menopause would be helpful.



- People suggested information on having children and the menopause would be a good topic for a future meeting.

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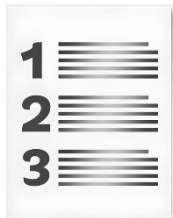
Please click on the link below to get Easy Health resources on sexual health and contraception here:

[Easy read information | Sexual Health Hub](#)

If you want to find sexual health services in West Sussex, the website is here:

[Sexual Health West Sussex - Sexual Health Services West Sussex](#)





Bringing it all together

The Board thanked Jane and Patrick from West Sussex County Council for their presentations and the important services they offer.

Actions from today's board:

- 1) Tell everyone about the Disability register by sending information to Partnership Board members so they can share this within their organisations.
- 2) Tell everyone about the Learning Disability GP Register by sending information to Partnership Board members so they can share this within their organisations.

Further information about the Learning Disability GP register and Annual Health Checks can be found by following the links below:

- [Support for people with a learning disability](#)
- [Annual health checks](#)



Any Other business

- A reminder for members that Learning disability week starts Monday 16th June
- Changing places campaign information shared on tables with members.
- Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) are awaiting the government's decision about support to access education and work opportunities.

Date of next meeting in 2025:

07 August 2025.

Venue: Worthing Town Hall – Gordon Room.

Who came to the Board:

Councillor Amanda Jupp - Member for Adult Services (Co-Chair)

Andrew Walker - Self Advocate, Speakabout (Co-Chair)

Daniel Arundel - Self Advocate, Bognor and Chichester Voice

Nicola Smith - Self Advocate, Bognor and Chichester Voice

Heidi Vineall - Self Advocate, Bognor and Chichester Voice

Wendy Byrne - Self Advocate, Speak Up

Dimensions Outreach 3 Way Day Service: Graham Armstrong, Tiffany Elms, Adam D, Mina M, Warren T, Kelly F, Dale W, Marcus B, Brendan C, Demis F

Aldingbourne Day Opportunities Service: Martin, Karen, Gillian

Matthew Wassell - Our Active Community Worthing Mencap

Laura Appleton - Our Active Community Worthing Mencap

Jane Blackwell - Library Service/Disability Register

Edel Parsons - NHS Sussex LeDer

Jason Robinson - SCFT

Ellie Dunn - SCFT

Leila Maddock - SCFT

Caroline Beebee - Sensory Team WSCC

Craig Abbott - Sensory Team WSCC

Lynne Smith - Adult Education WSCC

Gaynor Crayden - ALD Programme WSCC

Tim Claydon - DWP Disability Employment Lead

Patrick Stoakes - Public Health WSCC

Lucie Venables - Head of Commissioning WSCC

Diana Bernhardt - Senior Commissioner WSCC

Edward Armstrong - Commissioning Manager WSCC

Jo Baldwin - Commissioning Lead WSCC (minutes)

Gary Capelin - Peer Support Coordinator WSCC