

West Sussex
Learning Disability Partnership Board
16 May 2024, Worthing

	<p>Minutes</p> <p>A copy of the minutes will be posted on the council's webpage.</p> <p>Who came to the Board meeting is listed at the end of these minutes.</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;">Welcome</p> 	<p>Introduction:</p> <p>This meeting was co-chaired by Lucie Venables (WSCC) and Andrew Walker (Self-Advocate)</p> <p>The things we focussed on for this meeting were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Follow-up from last Board• Early Support consultation• Direct Payments Support Service consultation



Item 1:
Early Support Consultation
West Sussex are reviewing this provision.

Sandjea-Marie asked members:

- Where do you find information about early support services?
- How could Early Support be better?



Discussion
Top answers from tables:

- Community centre, leisure centre; Wellbeing Hubs
- Libraries and Cafes

- Ask family or friends or parent/carer
- Would like one place on internet where I can find all information for all community activities.
- I don't use the internet
- Speak to a support worker

- Having enough time at a health appointment
- Better accessibility and better communication



- I use the internet to find information; Google; YouTube; the links need to be up to date
- Short forms and clear signs much better than long forms
- It needs to be accessible with Easy Read information

Break



Things to do follow-up:
Gary collated all the information that members gave at the last Board.
Thank you for sharing.



Item 2: Direct Payments Support Service Consultation

Judith asked members:

- What do you know about the Direct Payments Support service currently provided by independent Lives?
- What info is needed to raise awareness of Direct Payments amongst customers



Discussion

Top comments from tables:

- A lot of customers had not heard of Direct Payments and of the Support Service from Independent Lives.
- Individual customers expressed worry about not wanting a change to their money arrangements
- Carers said it's still difficult to get Personal Assistants
- It's a very complex area so support is needed by those who manage the Direct Payments
- Could people Team up to buy support?



Support

Bringing it all together and any other business

The co-chairs talked about all the things people said were important at the meeting.

Being able to speak to a trusted person about early support is important

Having accessible materials in Easy Read format or videos. E.g., for the Direct Payments support information

	<p>Talking to someone about working and finding a job</p>
	<p>Date of next meeting in 2024:</p> <p>01 August 2024, 10.30am to 12.30pm.</p> <p>Venue: Worthing Town Hall, Gordon Room</p>

Who came to the Board:

Lucie Venables – Head of Commissioning, WSCC Co-Chair

Cllr Amanda Jupp – Member for Adult Services

Andrew Walker - Self Advocate, Speakabout, Co-Chair

Nicola Smith - Self Advocate, B+C Voice

Sarey England - Self Advocate, Speak Up

Richard Hamilton - Self Advocate, Speak Up

Wendy Byrne - Self Advocate, Speak Up

Winston Davis – Self Advocate, Speakabout

Heidi - Self Advocate, B+C Voice

Daniel - Self Advocate, B+C Voice

Sandjea-Marie Adassa - WSCC

Michael Hobbs – LD Health Facilitation Assistant, NHS

Edel Parsons – NHS LeDeR

Diana Bernhardt – Senior Commissioner, WSCC

Sheryl Bunting – Learning Disability and Autism Lead - Carers Support West Sussex

Simona Giunta - Commissioning and Contracts Officer, WSCC (Minutes)

Gary Capelin – Peer Support Co-ordinator WSCC

Martin Ford – Aldingbourne

Tim Claydon – DWP Disability Employment Advisor

Megan Oliver – DWP

Judith Packer – Commissioning Lead, WSCC

Dimensions Day Service - Matthew D, Adam, Aliya, Graham, Matthew C, Tiff, Kelly and Robert

Strawford Day Service – Andrea, Sheila, Stella, Joey, Darren, Michael, Brand, David, Rebecca, Mark, Belinda, Ellesha and Karen.

Gemma Finlay-Gray – Active Sussex

Sarah Johnson – Mencap Sport

Anita Beverton – Southdown/LD Providers Forum Chair