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Learning Disability Ministerial Advisory Group



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Meeting Minutes 4th December 2018



People who came to the meeting

- Gwenda Thomas Co-cChair
- Sophie Hinksman Co-chair
- Raghu Baburaj Royal College of Psychiatrists
- Adrian Burke Community Housing Cymru
- Rebecca Cicero Social Care Wales
- Wayne Crocker Mencap Cymru
- Christine Griffiths Welsh Therapies Advisory Committee
- Julian Hallett Down's Syndrome Association
- Edwin Jones Challenging Behaviour Community of Practice
- Martyn Jones Learning Disability Wales
- Michelle Martin Care Forum Wales
- Emma Mulinder Adult Social Services

- Ruth Northway University of South Glamorgan
- Joe Powell All Wales People First
- Hayley Tarrant Welsh Nursing and Midwifery Committee
- Oliver Townsend Cymorth Cymru
- Catherine Watchorn All Wales People First
- Pauline Young All Wales Forum of Parents & Carers

Others:

- Tracey Drew supporting Sophie
- Celia Lewis supporting Catherine
- Kelly Stuart observer from All Wales People First

Officials:

- Karen Eveleigh
- Claire Hough
- Graham Davies
- Alyson Collins

People who came to discuss agenda items:

- Julie Annetts and Anna Harris officials
- Andy Wallsgrove Children's Commissioner's Office

People who could not come

- Dermot McChrystal Association of Directors of Education
- Jane Rodgers All Wales Heads of Children's Services
- Sharon Williams Public Health Wales

What we talked about

1. Welcome

Introduction

- Sophie Hinksman welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the Learning Disability Ministerial Advisory Group (LDMAG).
- Sophie asked the members to introduce themselves and who they worked for.
- Sophie read out the rules for the LDMAG meetings.
- She told the group to listen to others and respect their views.
- Sophie congratulated Ruth Northway on getting the UK Chief Nursing Officers' Lifetime Achievement Award.

About the Advisory Group

 Members of the group were told asked to read and agree sign the Terms of Reference for the LDMAG.

Terms of Reference is a document that says what a group has been set up to do and how members will work together. includes rules that members of a group







- Karen Eveleigh told the group that the Ministerial Advisory group was set up to watch over the work of the Welsh Government.
- The advisory group can give advice to ministers.
- But the advisory group has no powers to make decisions.

What must be done?



 Members must agreed sign the LDMAG Terms of Reference.

About Membership



- The group was happy to see new members from different organisations.
- The new members are from Down's Syndrome Association, Care Forum Wales, Community Housing Cymru and Cymorth Cymru.



- Members and staff from Welsh Government will make sure information is given to members as and when needed.
- The staff from Welsh Government will look at the group membership again in December

2019.

2. About the Improving Lives programme

Progress report



- Improving Lives programme is a new programme to improve the lives of people with a learning disability in Wales.
- Karen Eveleigh told the group that all 24
 recommendations in the programme were
 now-being looked at.



Recommendations means what we think should happen in the future.

 This information will be included in future progress reports.

Progress report is a written paper that explains how much work is being done on something that was planned before.



- Karen told the group that she had new information from staff on some of the actions inof the programme.
- Karen will <u>put these new actions in the share</u> the final progress report <u>and send it to</u>

members. with the minutes of the meeting.

Actions from the programme

Action 1 - About the ACE (Adverse Childhood Experiences) hub:



- The group wants to know about <u>the ACE</u> hub and how <u>they it</u> works.
- Gwenda Thomas asked if the ACE hub works with custodial services.

Custodial service is when a person or organisation is responsible for the safety of your people, property or money.



Action 5- About supported housing:

- Claire Hough told the group that the good practice guidance on supported living was being written.
- The guide will be made public in March.



Actions 9 and 10 - Person centred approach and writing models of funding:

Karen told the group how Regional
 Partnership Boards have an-to plan and provide important part around planning and services to meet people's providing services health and social care needs.

She told the group that there was funding available for this from with the Transformation Fund and the Integrated Care Fund.

Action 13 - Increasing numbers and quality of annual health checks:

- Karen told the group that <u>a the</u> revised plan with had been discussed with the General Practitioners Committee (GPC) Wales. This included includes annual health checks for people with a learning disability who from are 14 years of age. old or more.
- GPC Wales is a group working for General Practitioners (GPs) in Wales.
- Karen told the group that the revised plan would depend on the talks with GPC Wales.
- The plan will be discussed at the meeting <u>about for</u> the new GP contract. which will start in April 2019.

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The group spoke about how to:

- get people with learning disability on the GP practice registers.
- make sure that the annual health check is given to people with a learning disability.
- inform people about the importance of







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health checks.

 help GPs to give good quality annual health checks regularly across Wales.



- The staff working for Welsh Government will set up a meeting between the ACE hub and the LDMAG members: Chris, Edwin, Martyn, Oliver, Pauline and Wayne.
- To find out how <u>the</u> ACE hub works with custodial services.
- Claire will highlight the importance of therapies in supported living as requested by Christine Griffiths.



- The secretariat will share information about the Integrated Care Fund grant for 2019-20.
- To give share the new revised annual health check plan recommendations to with members.



- To work with the All Wales Forum of Parents and Carers, All Wales People First and Learning Disability Wales to inform people about annual health checks across Wales.
- Karen asked members to email her if they had any questions about the progress report.

Research work

Improving Lives Programme:

- Karen Eveleigh and Ruth Northway told the group that it was important to find out how the programme is helping people with a learning disability.
- They said that it was important to find out what areas need improving.
- Ruth said it was important to understand what information there is on learning disabilities in Wales. the ongoing study and information available about the programme.
- Rebecca Cicero spoke about the research information kept by Social Care Wales.

Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act:

- Karen spoke about the review of the Social Services and Well-being Act.
- This review will check if the Act has helped to make life better for people and their carers.







 This research will be done by the University of South Wales.

What must be done?



- Give <u>a progress report</u> on research work at the LDMAG meeting in March.
- Work on a research plan before the LDMAG meeting in June.
- Edwin, Joe, Martyn, Michelle, Oliver, Pauline, Rebecca and Wayne will work with Karen, Hazel and Ruth to design the research plan.

3. About the Code for gutism services

Code of Practice for autism services in Wales



 Julie Annetts and Anna Harris spoke about the meeting set up for writing the Code of Practice they were writing on for how autism services must work.

A **Code of Practice** gives rules and advice about the best ways of working. It explains how to follow laws and plans. We will call it the **Code** for short.

 The Code for autism services will help to understand different laws to help people with autism.

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Anna gave a presentation that included:

- when the Code of Practice will be ready.
- what will be included in the Code
- what the members at the meeting will talk about
- the 4 key areas of the Code.
- Julie said that the notes <u>Code they were</u> writing of the meeting will be available in easy read in 2019.
- Julie told the group that they will speak to people and to organisations from the third sector about the Code.
- The group spoke about the Code of Practice and if it met the needs of people with autism who also have a learning disability.
- Julie thanked the members for their views.







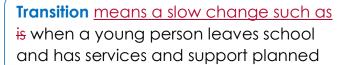


 Julie will include members' views at when the final the Code of Practice is written. meeting.

4. About the `Don't Hold Back' report

What is the report about?

 Andy Wallsgrove spoke about the report prepared by the Children's Commissioner on transitions, to adulthood for young people with a learning disability.



- This report was published in July 2018.
- The Children's Commissioner met with a group of children and their parents in North Wales which resulted in this report.



Andy also told the group about:



- Dr Axel Kaehne's review of present study on transitions.
- CARP Collaborations' (Community, Action, Research, Policy) work to get views from young people, their parents and professionals.

Andy said the next step was:



- to make people aware of the report.
- to get the views of the Welsh Government
- to continue to listen to young people and their families.



 Karen Eveleigh told the group that the recommendations in the Don't Hold Back report haves been linked to the recommendations in the Improving Lives Programme.



- Christine Griffiths asked Andy about how therapies would be a part of transition.
- Andy said he would find out about therapies and inform the group.
- The members agreed to that include the recommendations from the Don't Hold Back

report in the work carried <u>should be included</u> <u>in out for</u> the Improving Lives programme.

5. Anything else

Topics for future LDMAG meetings

Karen wrote down the topics for future LDMAG meetings.

- March Transition. Information about the research plan.
- June –Information on the review of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act. And the progress report on the Improving Lives programme.
- September The results of the research project on parents with a learning disability and what needs to be done next.

Information on the health recommendations in the Learning Disability Improving Lives programme and early years.

- The group spoke about how and where the future meetings should take place.
- Members suggested to form work groups should be set up to finish the work discussed at the meetings.



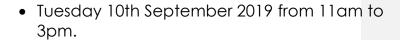


 Karen will share suggestions for agenda items with members by the end of January 2019.

6. Future meetings









7. Next meeting

March

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