

## Easy Read



# Learning Disability Ministerial Advisory Group

December

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## Meeting Minutes

4<sup>th</sup> December 2018



## People who came to the meeting

- Gwenda Thomas – Co-chair
- 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.

### What must be done?



- 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 ~~new~~ 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 ~~in~~ the programme.
- Karen will put these new actions in the share the final progress report and send it to

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 the ACE hub and how ~~they it~~ 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 ~~a the~~ 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 about for 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

health checks.

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

### What must be done?



- The staff working for Welsh Government will set up a meeting between the ACE hub and the LD MAG members: Chris, Edwin, Martyn, Oliver, Pauline and Wayne.
- To find out how **the** 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 a progress report 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 autism 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-Code they were 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.

**What must be done?**



- 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.



**Transition** means a slow change such as ~~is~~ when a young person leaves school and has services and support planned

- 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 ~~has~~ been linked to the [recommendations](#) in the Improving Lives Programme.



### What must be done?



- 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~~ should be included  
in out for 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.

### What must be done?



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

## 6. Future meetings



- Monday 25th March 2019 from 11am to 3pm.
- Tuesday 4th June 2019 from 11am to 3pm.
- Tuesday 10th September 2019 from 11am to 3pm.
- Wednesday 4th December 2019 from 11am to 3pm.

## 7. Next meeting

- When: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 11am



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