

	<p>Learning Disability Ministerial Advisory Group</p> <p>Minutes of the 3rd meeting</p> <p>10 September 2019</p>	
<p>Attendees - Members</p> <p>Sophie Hinksman - Co-chair</p> <p>Adrian Burke - Community Housing Cymru</p> <p>Rebecca Cicero - Social Care Wales</p> <p>Wayne Crocker - Mencap Cymru</p> <p>Lynne Evans - All Wales People First</p> <p>Julian Hallett - Down's Syndrome Association</p> <p>Edwin Jones - Challenging Behaviour Community of Practice</p> <p>Dermot McChrystal - Association of Directors of Education Wales</p> <p>Michelle Martin - Care Forum Wales</p> <p>Emma Mulinder - All Wales Adult Service Heads</p> <p>Ruth Northway - University of South Glamorgan</p> <p>Joe Powell - All Wales People First</p> <p>Zoe Richards - Learning Disability Wales</p> <p>Hayley Tarrant - Welsh Nursing and Midwifery Committee</p> <p>Oliver Townsend - Cymorth Cymru</p> <p>Michelle Williams - All Wales People First</p> <p>Sharon Williams - Public Health Wales</p> <p>Others</p> <p>Tracey Drew - supporting Sophie</p> <p>Dawn Price - supporting Lynne</p> <p>Catherine Thornton - supporting Michelle</p> <p>Jo Griffin - attending for Christine Griffiths</p>	<p>Apologies</p> <p>Members</p> <p>Suzanne Clifton</p> <p>Christine Griffiths</p> <p>Jane Rodgers</p> <p>Jason O'Brien</p> <p>Pauline Young</p> <p>Emma Curtis</p> <p>Official</p> <p>Hazel Powell</p>	

<p>Kate Young - attending for Pauline Young</p> <p>Kelly Stuart - All Wales People First</p> <p>Officials</p> <p>Karen Eveleigh : HSS – LD Improving Lives Andrew Stevenson – HSS, LD Improving Lives Natalie Hughes-Owen : HSS – LD Improving Lives Alyson Collins : HSS – Social Services and Integration</p> <p>Officials attending for agenda items</p> <p>Rhidian Jones and Dan Jones – Housing Directorate attending for item 3 on the agenda (ICF Capital).</p> <p>Shelly Davies and Sam Bufton – HSS attending for item 3 on the agenda (ICF Revenue)</p>	
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1.	Welcome, apologies, introductions	
	<p>1.1 Sophie welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited them to introduce themselves and who they were representing. Apologies were noted.</p> <p>1.2 Sophie read out the ground rules for the LDMAG meetings. All agreed to abide by these.</p>	
2.	Minutes of the previous meeting and actions outstanding	
	<p>The minutes of the previous meeting were considered along with the action log.</p> <p>Minutes</p> <p>2.1 Restrictive practices - Dermot reminded members that he was happy to raise any issues on intervention training for teachers with the Association of Directors for Education. Edwin said that the Challenging Behaviour Community of Practice (CB CoP) had highlighted some issues in their proposals to strengthen the Learning Disability Improving Lives</p>	

	<p>Programme report following the Whorlton Hall expose by Panorama.</p> <p>2.2 Transition – members were advised that their views on the use of the term ‘handover’ had been shared with the Children’s Health Team who had now adopted a <u>working</u> title of ‘transition/handover’ for their work. Some members remained unconvinced by the new term but accepted its use as a working title.</p> <p>2.3 Whorlton Hall – Oliver said he was concerned that the Welsh Government had not issued a statement in response to the Panorama Programme: Undercover Hospital Abuse. Edwin said that at the June meeting he had agreed to work with the CB CoP to review the Learning Disability Improving Lives Programme report in the light of Whorlton Hall scandal – item 4 on the agenda. Karen advised that the Welsh Government’s Chief Nursing Officer had commissioned the National Collaborative Commissioning Unit to undertake a comprehensive review of all child and adult specialist placements in England and Wales – item 5 on the agenda.</p>	
Actions	<p>Minutes</p> <p>Restrictive Practises – to highlight specific actions in the Learning Disability Improving Lives Programme report and send to Dermot.</p> <p>Action Log</p> <p>Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) - To draft and circulate a paper on the evidence base supporting therapeutic interventions such as Positive Behavioural Support to tackle ACE’s. Oliver offered to draft the paper.</p> <p>Research and Evaluation - To update members at the December meeting.</p> <p>Action Log - to circulate with the minutes.</p>	<p>Karen</p> <p>Oliver</p> <p>Karen/Ruth</p> <p>Alyson</p>
3.	Integrated Care Fund – Capital and Revenue.	
	<p>3.1 A paper on the Integrated Care Fund (ICF) Capital Programme was circulated to members prior to the meeting and an additional paper was tabled and</p>	

	<p>circulated at the meeting. Rhidian Jones and Dan Jones spoke about how the capital money was being used to build new accommodation; remodel or adapt larger buildings; and provide aids and adaptations. Members said they were pleased to see an emphasis on the provision of supported living accommodation and on repatriating people with a learning disability back to their home areas. Oliver asked where accountability for the buildings lay, particularly after completion and was advised that ultimately responsibility rested with the commissioners of the service.</p> <p>Sophie thanked Rhidian and Dan for their presentation.</p> <p>3.2 A paper on the ICF Revenue programme was circulated to members prior to the meeting and a further paper was tabled and circulated at the meeting. The latter paper was collected back in as it was in draft format only and a final version will be circulated to members as soon as possible. Shelley Davies gave an overview of the ICF Revenue Programme and advised that revenue investment under the scheme in 2018-19 was £89m and for 2019-20 is £124.9m. She advised that Wales Audit Office had undertaken a review of the ICF Revenue Programme and that the first ICF Annual Report would be published this Autumn which would include definitions and more details of the different project types.</p> <p>Sophie thanked Shelley and Sam for their presentation.</p>	
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Actions</p>	<p>ICF Capital Programme – to email Alyson with any comments or queries on the ICF Capital Programme.</p> <p>ICF Revenue Programme – to email Alyson with any comments or queries on the ICF Revenue Programme.</p> <p>ICF Revenue Data Report - to circulate to members when available.</p> <p>ICF Revenue Annual Report – to circulate to members when available.</p>	<p>Members</p> <p>Members</p> <p>Alyson</p> <p>Alyson</p>

4.	Strengthening the Learning Disability Improving Lives Programme in the light of Whorlton Hall	
	<p>4.1 As agreed at the June LDMAG meeting the Challenging Behaviour Community of Practice (CBCoP), considered the Learning Disability Improving Lives Programme report and added additional comments in the light of the Whorlton Hall scandal. This updated report was circulated to members prior to the meeting. Edwin presented the highlights of this report to the meeting and the key overarching actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • following the previous Winterbourne View scandal a raft of good practice guidance had been developed across the UK. What needed to be strengthened though was compliance with this guidance and good practice; greater involvement of experts by experience (including individuals with LD themselves) in developing services; and a process for families and professionals to raise awareness of potential problems to avoid them becoming major concerns. • progress to date should be audited against the priorities report produced by the CBCoP in 2015 following the Winterbourne View scandal. • Clearer and more transparent safeguarding processes need to be put in place. Sharing information on problem staff is not being done adequately enough. It was suggested that the term 'raising concerns should be used rather than 'whistleblowing'. <p>4.3 Members discussed a number of items arising from the report:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Recommendation 9 – that people in receipt of Continuing Health Care are unable to access direct payments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendation 11 – the need for the social care and health workforce to have a career pathway with progression and learning and the registration of care workers was discussed. Members agreed that, where necessary, registration of care workers was a good thing and should lead to a higher quality workforce. But this would not change the 	

	<p>fact that care workers were poorly paid, turnover was high; and that the job was not seen as a good job to have. Kate was concerned that the 'registration of all care staff – including personal assistants' could put people off becoming care workers particularly family and friends. Rebecca drew members attention to Social Care Wales' long-term workforce strategy which was out to consultation. And as the week commencing 9 September was Care Week, Rebecca invited members to send her good news stories.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendations 6 and 7 – the need for commissioners to select, visit, revisit and review their client's placements in line with the National Commissioning Boards Commissioning guidance. • Recommendation 24 - there was discussion about what the term cognitive impairment meant. Karen advised that this term was used by other Welsh Government departments and covered a range of conditions and not just learning disabilities. <p>The Group endorsed the report with the additional comments from the CBCoP and the additional views expressed at the meeting.</p> <p>Karen advised that she would now seek views from appropriate policy colleagues and wider stakeholders, particularly in the NHS to formulate advice to the Minister for Health and Social Services and a subsequent formal response to the LDMAG on the proposals. As part of this work, she advised the proposals could be embedded in the LDILP and in the action plan which will be developed to take forward the recommendations arising from the National Collaboration Commissioning Unit review of specialist placements in England and Wales (Agenda Item 5 refers). Karen suggested she would keep members informed 'out of committee' with a formal update at the December LDMAG.</p>	
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Action	<p>Social Care Wales' workforce consultation document – Rebecca to send Alyson the link to the consultation to circulate to members.</p> <p>Care Week - Members to send Rebecca good news stories to promote as part of Care Week</p> <p>Recommendation 11 - Rebecca and Karen to agree terminology - 'Ensure registration of all care staff – including personal assistants'</p> <p>Recommendation 17a - Edwin to send Dermot information on Positive Behavioural Support/Education</p> <p>LDILP report – Subject to Ministerial agreement, to consider appropriate update of the LDILP report taking into account: the proposals from the CBCoP; the views expressed by members; and the recommendations arising from the review of specialist placements.</p>	<p>Rebecca/ Alyson</p> <p>Members</p> <p>Rebecca to send agreed terminology to Alyson to forward to Edwin.</p> <p>Edwin</p> <p>Karen/Andrew</p>
	5. Update on the health actions in the Learning Disability Improving Lives programme.	
	<p>5.1 Specialist Services - Karen said that a comprehensive review of all specialist child and adult placements in England and Wales had been undertaken by the National Collaboration Commissioning Unit. The report on children had been published and is being considered by Welsh Government mental health policy colleagues (none of the children in placements have a learning disability diagnosis).</p> <p>The report of the review of adult placements has been concluded and the report is due in October. Following receipt of the final report, advice is to be put to the Minister for Health and Social Services on the way forward. Initial thoughts are that a plan of action is needed with commissioning do's and don'ts; a series of actions; links to guidance and a requirement for health boards to draw up an action plan. Karen advised this action plan could also embed the proposals from the Community of Practice now endorsed by the LDMAG.</p>	

<p>5.2 Annual Health Checks – Karen informed the group that it had not proved possible to agree the contract with the General Practitioners Committee Wales (GPC Wales) – the formal negotiating body responsible for negotiating the GP contract with health boards and the Welsh Government. Karen advised there were a number of complex reasons for this but work was underway to agree the revised specification as a Directed Enhanced Service for April 2020 and the LD 1000 Lives team at Public Health Wales had been asked by the Chief Nursing Officer to scope alternative models of delivery from good practise across the UK. Sharon confirmed this work was underway</p> <p>Members expressed disappointment at this news. Karen confirmed that the target of 75% of people with a learning disability, in the general population, to receive an annual health check was still a priority and remained in the NHS Outcome Framework for 2019-20. It was also a priority to maximise the number of learning disabled individuals registered with a GP. Members decided they would write to the Minister expressing concern that it had not been possible to agree the contract for 2019-20, urging him to ensure this is achieved in 2020-21.</p> <p>Lynne Evans said that RCT People First had looked at the barriers to health for people with a learning disability in Cwm Taff.</p>	
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Actions	<p>Specialist Services - For members of the LDMAG to work with the Welsh Government and Public Health Wales to develop the plan of action.</p> <p>Annual Health Checks – Zoe offered to draft a letter for the group to send to the Minister. Draft letter to be sent to Natalie for circulation to members for comment prior to issue.</p> <p>Lynne Evans to share, with the LDMAG, Cwm Taf’s findings on the barriers to health for people with a learning disability.</p>	<p>Edwin, Emma, Joe, Kate, Oliver and Zoe.</p> <p>Zoe, Natalie</p> <p>Lynne Evans/Dawn Price</p>
6.	Update on the appointment of the new Chair for the LDMAG.	
	<p>6.1 Karen advised that the First Minister and Deputy Minister had asked her to approach Humie Webbe about co-chairing the LDMAG and that Humie had accepted the position. She will co-chair her first meeting with Sophie in December.</p> <p>Members agree Humie’s suggestion to have an informal meeting with LDMAG members before the December meeting.</p>	
Actions	<p>New Chair</p> <p>To send Humie’s profile to members for information.</p> <p>To arrange an informal lunch between Humie and the LDMAG members for November.</p> <p>Update – lunch now arranged for Friday 8th November 12.00-2.00pm Welsh Government, Cathays Park, Cardiff.</p>	<p>Alyson</p> <p>Alyson</p>

7.	How to use the time with the Deputy Minister at the December LDMAG meeting	
	<p>7.1 Sophie said that having spoken to Karen it had been decided that the time with the Deputy Minister could best be used by raising key issues that were important to people with a learning disability. And that three key issues had been identified, should members agree:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ That no-one should have to go out of Wales for support ○ Transport ○ The need for health and social care to work better together. <p>Members agreed with these three key suggestions and a further issue was suggested in light of the earlier discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The need to meet the increasing cost of social care in Wales. 	
Actions	<p>Time with the Deputy Minister</p> <p>To help the discussion members were asked to email Alyson with sub-points for each of the 4 issues.</p>	Members
8	Any other business	

	<p>8.1 Accommodation - Karen said that the current meeting room was not suitable as it had no IT. The same meeting room has been booked for the December meeting. In 2020 all meetings will be held in rooms and locations with IT. She asked members to suggest suitable venues that could host these meetings at minimal or no cost. No immediate suggestions were forthcoming due to the size of the meeting.</p> <p>Karen also asked members whether consideration should be given to venues outside Cardiff. There was no real enthusiasm for this as members felt Cardiff was close to the majority of stakeholders and had the best transport links.</p> <p>8.2 Independent Advocacy Contracts – Joe spoke about the introduction of Independent Professional Advocacy Contracts that placed a duty on local authorities to fund 1 to 1 advocacy only. All Wales People First were concerned that local authorities would cut their funding for self-advocacy for people with a learning disability – taking their voice away and giving them less choice and control over their lives.</p> <p>8.3 Karen said that in a recent meeting she had spoken about the importance of self- advocacy and that her views had been supported by Albert Heaney, Director, Health and Social Services, Welsh Government. Karen advised Albert planned to speak about self-advocacy to Directors of Social Services.</p>	
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Actions	<p>Accommodation</p> <p>To advise Alyson of any meeting rooms with IT outside the Welsh Government which could accommodate future meetings of the LD MAG.</p> <p>(Update – suitable rooms with IT for meetings in 2020 have now been secured within the Welsh Government offices, Cathays Park. Cardiff).</p>	Members
	<p>Independent Advocacy Contracts</p> <p>Joe is meeting Ruth Akers, Safeguarding and Advocacy Policy, Welsh Government to talk about his concerns.</p>	Joe
	<p>Kate, All Wales Forum of Parents and Carers and Julian, Down’s Syndrome Association said they would be happy to provide Joe with letters of support if he wished.</p>	Joe, Kate, Julian
	<p>Karen to update members at the December meeting on Albert’s discussions with Directors of Social Services about self-advocacy.</p>	Karen
<p>Date and time of future meetings:</p> <p><u>2019</u></p> <p>Wednesday 4th December 2019 Update on timings - Given the Deputy Minister will be attending the December meeting this meeting will start at 9.45am</p> <p><u>2020</u></p> <p>Wednesday 25th March</p> <p>Tuesday 9th June</p> <p>Tuesday 8th September</p> <p>Tuesday 8th December</p> <p>All 2020 meetings to be held in Welsh Government Offices, Cathays Park, Cardiff starting at 11.00am and running until 3.00pm.</p>		

