

Learning Disability Partnership Board



Minutes from our meeting on 9 August 2023



Definition

'Minutes' are notes from the meeting that tell you what we talked about, and what we decided to do.



People who came to the meeting



Ange Hatcher – NHS East Sussex (attending for Matthew Moore)



Pagane Gacheva – Our Voices Coordinator at Grace Eyre



Jenny Cain – Council, Commissioning Officer



Richard Stevenson – Council, Team Manager 25+ Pod



Steve Hook – Council, Assistant Director for Operational Services in Adult Social Care



Jess Harper – Council, Engagement Lead



Karen Kimberly – Sussex Partnership NHS Trust, Clinical Service Manager & Specialist Occupational Therapist



Lou Aish – Council, Commissioning Manager



Sally Polanski – Amaze, CEO (attending for Fiona and Vanessa from PACC)



Abby Lonsdale – LeDeR Board, Reviewer



Ella Arnardottir – Southdown Housing Association



Naomi Cox – Grace Eyre, Operational Services



Steve Castellari – Carers Centre, Engagement Lead



Ian Metherall – Speak Out, Link Group



Cameron Brown – Council, Head of Service 25+ and Specialist Clinical Services



Will Davies - Speak Out, CEO



Rohan Lowe – Speak Out, Co-Chair



Frances Sulikosky – Speak Out, Engagement Coordinator



Carla Butler – Council, Head of Skills and Employment



People who could not come to the meeting



Beulah Nyatoro – NHS Sussex, Head of LDA Programme and Strategic Lead



Julie Rossiter – Grace Eyre, Director of Income Generation



Jane Viner – Council, Learning Disability Health Facilitator



Georgina Clarke-Green, Council, Assistant Director Health, SEN & Disability



Victoria Garcia – Brighton & Hove Buses and Metrobuses, Accessibility & Communities Manager



Rhianedd Hughes – Council, Head of SEN Statutory Service



Natalie Baldwin – Council, Community Health Trainer



Dean Thomas-Bines – Achieve Together, Head of Area Operations



Fiona England – Parent Carer’s Council, Representative



Vanessa de Guzman – Parent Carer’s Council



Matthew Moore – NHS Sussex, Public Involvement Lead



Lorraine Hughes – Council

How these minutes work



Important information will be in blue, so you can see it easily. These are things like definitions of difficult words, decisions we make, or where you can find further information.



Actions will be in red, for the same reason.



Definition

An **‘action’** is a task that somebody at the meeting is supposed to do. We try and achieve these tasks between each meeting.

Have we done what we said we would do last meeting?



We said that we needed to start sharing the Partnership Board minutes online somewhere so people can see what we do. This hasn't happened yet.



Action

Frances will work out how to host it on the Speak Out website, or a new 'Padlet' webpage.



We said that we needed to tell the Parent Carer's Council if they should do any more surveys about how activities are after Covid-19.



Decision

The Board decided that the Parent Carer's Council do not need to do any more surveys on activities.



Jenny and Lou said that they were working on a 'Frequently Asked Questions' document about housing and support. The Link Group said they could help make a video explaining it. This hasn't happened yet.



Action

Frances and the Link Group will work with Jenny and Lou on this project.



Frances said she would update the board about the TakePart Festival the Link Group helped with. She told us it generally went well.

Presentation about the new systems for the Partnership Board



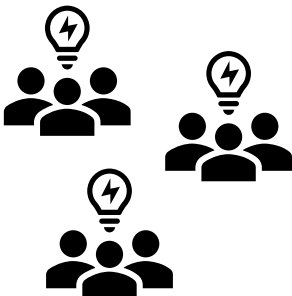
Jess and Steve from the Council told us about their plans for how the Partnership Board would work together better in the future.



They showed us a presentation of how all the different parts of the Partnership Board should work together, and how often they should all meet outside of the main meeting. [The presentation is attached to these minutes.](#)



We had a big discussion about how to engage more of the learning disability community in the Board's meetings and work.



There were lots of ideas:

- We should make the meetings more engaging and interactive
- Use some better ways of communicating to each other between the meetings
- Jess and Frances should observe other partnership boards to learn from them.



Action

Frances will get the Link Group more involved at the start of the agenda at the next meeting.



Action

Frances will look into creating a 'Padlet' webpage to share information between meetings.



Action

Frances and Jess will organise to visit the East or West Sussex Partnership Boards to see how they do their meetings.

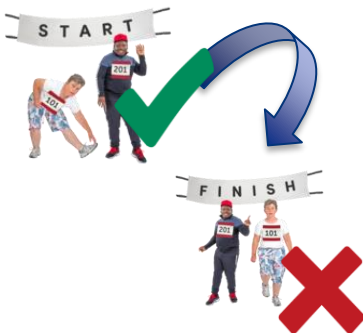
Presentation on the progress we have made on The Big Plan

The Big Plan 2021 to 2026

The Big Plan is the learning disability strategy for Brighton and Hove for 2021 to 2026.



Frances and the leaders of the 6 different Working Groups showed us how much of The Big Plan has been started and achieved so far.



Most of the Working Groups have made a good start at the different things they have been set to achieve. However, they all still had a lot more work to do. [The presentation is attached to these minutes. If you want the more detailed reports, email Frances at \[francesulikosky@bhspeakout.org.uk\]\(mailto:francesulikosky@bhspeakout.org.uk\).](#)



We had a discussion about whether we should give ourselves more time to achieve The Big Plan.



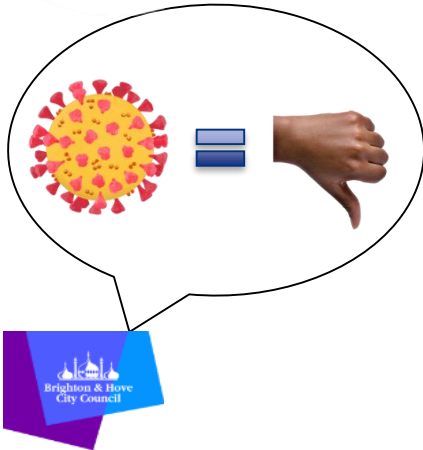
Steve H wanted to discuss this question at the Partnership Board so that we could be in control of the decision, before recommending it to the Health and Wellbeing Board at Council, who would make the final decision.



Steve H explained that we should make a decision now, because if we decided not to extend it, we would need to start looking at consulting and planning the next plan.

**The Big Plan
2021 to 2026**

The Link Group gave feedback that it was a good plan. They were disappointed at the slow progress so far, but felt it would be pointless to make a new plan without achieving the current one. They asked about how they would keep the Council accountable for the next period of time.



The Council said Covid had really slowed down progress over the last 3 years. Naomi said Grace Eyre had given themselves more time for that reason. When asked whether the election next year might make a difference to the funding available, Steve H said it was unlikely. We would still be working with the same amount of money and resources.

Councillor Bella Sankey



Rohan asked if we could get the new councillors to come listen to the Board meeting. Steve H agreed to ask them.



Action

Steve H will invite the new councillors / elected leaders to the next Partnership Board meeting.



Pagane asked whether the plan could change later if we needed it to. Working Group members said that there was lots of room for flexibility within the plan, and that it could change in if we needed it to in the future.



Decision

The Board decided that we should extend The Big Plan for at least 3 more years, to 2029.



Action

Steve H will recommend this decision to the Health and Wellbeing Board.

Planning



We tried to do some planning, but only had time for one question. We talked about what the Link Group should focus on for the next 3 months. We decided they should work with the Information and Advice Working Group.



Action

The Link Group will work with the Information and Advice Working Group.



The 6 different Working Groups have to decide a schedule for when they report back to the Partnership Board on their work.



Action

The leaders of the Working Groups will decide on a reporting schedule for the rest of the year.

Other notices or comments?



Pagane told us that Grace Eyre is strengthening their Ambassadors programme.



They are also starting an employment project in September. Julie Rossiter from Grace Eyre wants to present on this next Board meeting.



Action

Frances will include Julie Rossiter on the agenda for the next Partnership Board.



Steve C from the Carers Centre wanted people to know about their new free online training to help raise awareness and carer 'champion' status. He encouraged people to try it out.



Action

Steve C will send the link out for the online carer champion training.



Will said Speak Out had done a big meeting about mental health, and would send on the results to the Health and Wellbeing working group.



Action

Will is going to send out any results from the mental health open meeting at Speak Out.

Find out more about the Partnership Board



If you want to find out more about the Learning Disability Partnership Board or Speak Out, please contact:



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Action

Sally will invite an Amaze representative for young people to attend meetings.