




**Royal Borough of Greenwich
Learning Disability Partnership Board easy
read Minutes**



Where	Date	Time
 <p>Woolwich Town hall</p>		



Who was at the meeting

Councillor Denise Scott-McDonald	Lead Councillor
Kelly Tchangoum	Learning Disability MP
Jason McCulloch	RBG Service manager Commissioning Quality Team
Michael Donaghy	Employment Engagement Unity Works
Theri Thompson	RBG head of service Practice and Development
Avril Martin	Carer Representative
Ewy Grzegorzcyk	RBG Commissioning Officer
Geraldine Russell	Advocacy in Greenwich
Gemma Hughes	Advocacy in Greenwich
Lana Dunnett	Learning Disability MP
Lorraine Mason	Learning Disability MP
Ben Holmes	Learning Disability MP
Debbie Hosten	Learning Disability MP
Sam Bolton	Learning Disability MP
Mark Bugg	Learning Disability MP

Andy Heffer	Advocacy in Greenwich
Fiona Apio – Matanda	GLLaB Head of employment programme
Robin Clarke	RBG Health and wellness strategist
Jesamine Murray	Unity Works
Helen Smith	Unity Works
Nyayappilly Paul Jojo	Department for work and pensions
Jodi Mathers	RBG Head of SEND social care
Leanna Louisy	RBG Project Officer in-house provision (note taker)



Who said they couldn't come to the meeting

Kasey Adeniji	GLO Resource Manager/Day Opportunities
Terri Looker	Greenwich Mencap



Jobs people said they would do



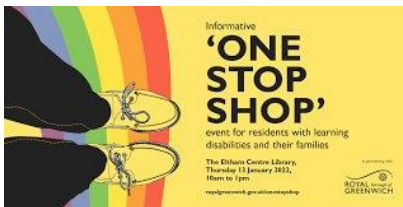
Jason McCulloch

1. Draft information about the Carers Partnership Board meeting and send to everyone



Jason McCulloch

2. Talk to Kasey about the Sherard road development being added to the Challenge group agenda .



Jason McCulloch

3. Jason to discuss the One stop shop with Sue McGrath.



Jason McCulloch

4. Ask Healthwatch about the funding for the carers choir group.





Jason McCulloch

5. Speak with Andrew Addo to see how MP workshops could be facilitated.



Jason McCulloch

6. Share health update with the MP's.



Geraldine Russell

7. Speak with Fiona at GLLaB regarding their recruitment process.



Everyone

8. All group members to have a look at Advocacy's online contact form and give feedback.

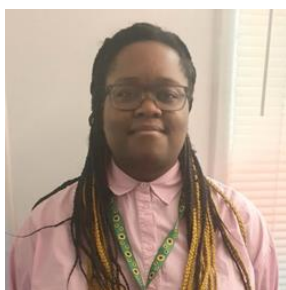


Leanna Louisy

9. Email Andrew Addo's Corporate Engagement presentation to the Partnership Board.



Introductions



kelly and Jason co-chaired the meeting



They welcomed everyone to the meeting and said who could not come to the meeting.



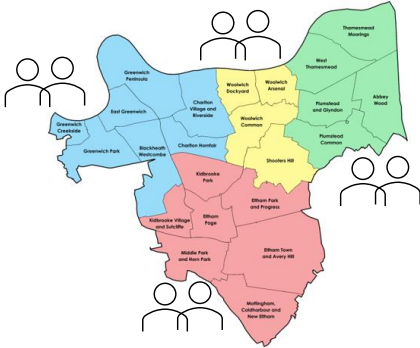
Kelly reminded everyone about the ground rules for the meeting, including the rules for visitors.



Jason read through the minutes of the last meeting



What was said at the last meeting



New MP borough split

Debbie asked everyone how they thought the borough should be split and option C was the popular choice.



New Terms of reference

At the last meeting all attendees confirmed that they were happy with the updated terms of reference.

Money for carers choir group

Avril Martin told Jason that Healthwatch have set up a budget for the carers choir group, but they don't have the money yet.

healthwatch
Greenwich



New staff at Advocacy in Greenwich

Mark Bugg informed members that Maddy had left Advocacy. Gemma Hughes is now working at Advocacy in Greenwich and she was welcomed to the Learning Disability Partnership Board meeting by all.





What was said at the last meeting

Who does the Partnership board report to



At the last Learning Disability Partnership Board meeting, Cllr Denise Scott-McDonald asked which group the meeting reported to



Jason updated that the Learning Disability Partnership Board meeting will report to the Health and Wellbeing board starting from April.



A report will need to be written and sent to the Health and Wellbeing board each year.

Cllr Denise Scott-McDonald informed that she had spoken with Steve Whiteman.



It was suggested that members from the Learning Disability Partnership Board share a presentation about work they are doing with the committee.



What was said at the last meeting

Co - leads



Jason is still looking for lead officers to work with the MP's

Jason has spoken with:

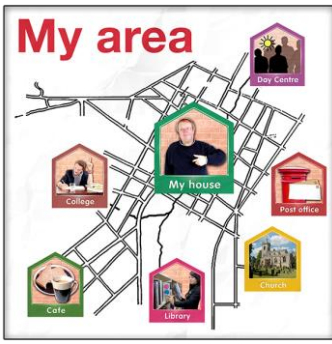
- Collette Mehan
- Kasey Adeniji
- Helen Smith
- Jodi Matthers
- Lavinia Parker



These lead officers are all happy to be co-leads for the MPs.



Jason will continue to work on finding co-leads for the other work areas.



Community Engagement Presentation



Andrew Addo from the community Engagement team came along to the Partnership board.



Andrew told us the council want to get feedback from everyone who lives in the Royal borough of Greenwich.



By 2023 the council want to make it easier for people to contact the council and get the right information.



Andrew and his team will be asking people to fill in a survey to give feedback about the council by January 21st 2024.



Cllr Denise Scott-McDonal suggested that the MP's do a workshop around Community Engagement.



Geraldine responded that this was a good suggestion however due to time restrictions it would not be enough time to train the MP's to deliver an engagement session.



Jason to speak with Andrew Addo to see how MP workshops could be facilitated.



CQC Assurance presentation

Theri Thompson came to the partnership board to tell us about the care quality commission coming to inspect Adult social care in Greenwich.



The people who work for the care quality commission are called inspectors



They will visit care homes and supported living homes around the borough to make sure people who live there are being well looked after.



The inspectors will tell the council if they are doing well and what they need to do better.



Theri told the board that CQC will choose 6 people and follow their care journey from the date they started getting services and compare this with services they are currently getting from the Royal Borough of Greenwich.



Avril wanted to know if carers would be involved in the CQC inspections.

Theri told Avril that carers will very much be involved in the inspections.



Cllr Denise Scott McDonald told the board that she will be interviewed as part of CQC's inspection.



Jason advised the board to contact him if they have any questions or further concerns about the CQC inspections.



Carers report



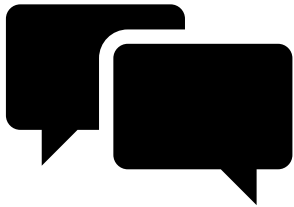
Carers Rep Avril Martin gave an update about what has happened since the last meeting.

Oxleas carers forum



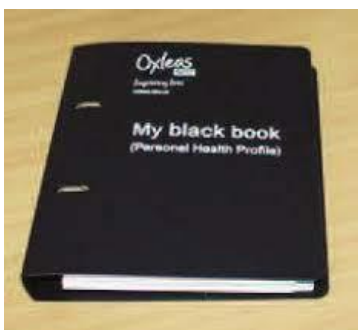
The carers forum is run by Joel Parker who works for Oxleas.

We have had 3 meetings so far



We talked about:

- Terms of reference
- different health pathways
- improving communication with other organisations.



We talked about Annual health checks and black books



Oxleas is trying out a new project called building a fairer oxleas and video has been made for people with learning disabilities.



Respite



Since there are worries about respite, Joel Parker arranged a meeting online with carers, RBG staff and Oxleas .



Some carers and RBG staff visited a respite service in Chigwell to see what a really good respite service looks like.



Carers Partnership board meetings



I went to the carer's partnership board on 13th October and 3 sub-groups.

On 17th November the carers centre held a Forum to mark the launch of the Carers Strategy



Mulberry Tree House

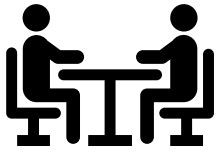
Charlton Park Academy Residential Unit

We talked about the closure of Mulberry tree House respite service for children. Many parents were very vocal and passionate about this.



Ian Jarman has run 4 co-production meetings on the Individual service funds (ISF), market shaping and micro enterprises.

We have had one Challenge meeting on 27th September.



Carers social group



THE CARERS SOCIAL GROUP has welcomed Kiki from Greenwich Healthwatch, Carers Champions Jane and Paul and Councillor Denise Scott-McDonald.

These meetings are important, allowing us to talk about issues affecting our lives.



One member has had a Safeguarding issue raised at Kemsing Road respite service.



Because of this safeguarding issue, written presentations from two carers were read out at the Oxleas Nursing Conference on 25th August.



The presentations gave details of experiences of hospital stays with their loved ones. We hope to have a senior nursing staff member at our next Engagement Forum.



Soft play for young adults – enquiries with Better Gym has resulted in a Gymnastics session at Sutcliffe Park

On 26th November and 10 December for age 8 plus – adults with a learning disability.



One of our carers, a personal trainer, is giving free weekly fitness sessions for our carers at Charlton Park.

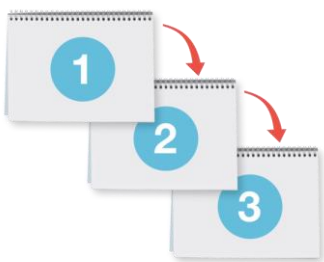


The main issue raised has been the lack of quality and regularly monitored respite.

The generally agreed plan would be to:-

- 1] get short term plan activated
- 2] medium term – develop more beds
- 3] long term provision with an aspiring vision

I hope that we can start 2024 with a newfound determination to make these badly needed improvements a reality.





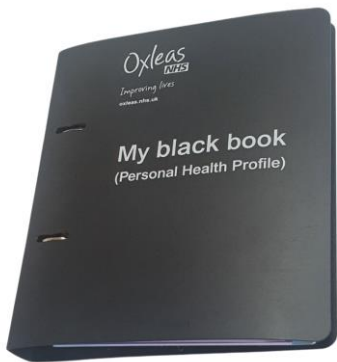
Health update

Annual Health checks



63% of people have had an Annual health check and Health action plan

Greenwich are planning a 20th anniversary relaunch of the Little Black Books



Big Health Check week is 4-8 December – Greenwich will be organising an event as well.

Learning Disability & Autism Programme



Greenwich have continued to maintain low levels of hospital admissions of people with a learning disability



Dynamic Support Register (DSR)

Dynamic Support Register (**DSR**) Policy implementation

A (**DSR**) is a list of people with a learning disability and autistic people who need support because they are at risk of going into hospital if they do not get the right care and treatment in the community.



Greenwich have had a **DSR** for a number of years which has helped to keep people out of hospital.



Learning Disability Mortality Review (LeDeR)

Number of notifications (this is for people with a learning disability and autistic people):



- 21/22 - 12 people
- 22/23 - 15 people
- 23/24 to date – 13 people



A Greenwich **LeDeR** steering group to review the learning from the completed reviews will be set up in January 2024. The focus will be how to put the learning into action.



South East London **LeDeR** Annual Report is being drafted and will be shared with the board when publicised.



2021

In response to the requirements of the LeDeR 2021 policy, the South East London Integrated Care System (ICS) wide focused review panel was started, with the first panel being held in October 2022.

Colette Meehan represents Greenwich on this panel.



Carers Strategy update

Ewy Grzegorzczuk



It has been a year since the carer's strategy was started and to celebrate this

Commissioning held an event at the carers centre on Friday 17th November.

Commissioning delivered an update on what they have done as part of the strategy.

Over the last year the carers partnership board have had a panel of people together for a Questions and Answers session.

They have also held workshops with carers to cover some topics around carers support.



Commissioning had a meeting with health and GP's



There are some actions that the Royal Borough of Greenwich need to do.



There is currently a media campaign around services available for carers.



A video is being put together of carers stories which will include their experience as an unpaid carer.



Commissioning would like more carers to get involved with creating the video.



In the new year, a lot of information coming out around the work that Commissioning have done as part of the carer's strategy.



Commissioning is developing resource packs which will include details of all the services that are available for carers in the borough.



Practice guidance will also be drafted for social workers around how they can support unpaid carers when carrying out their assessments to ensure that assessments are strength based.



There are a few areas that still need to be progressed one of which is engagement with primary health.



Mark Bugg wanted to know how the MP's could get involved.

Ewy told Mark that there were a lot of opportunities to get involved and added that Commissioning is looking at doing more work in the community.



Avril wanted to know what the video of carers stories would be used for.

Ewy responded and informed Avril that the video would be on the RBG website and the social media page.



6 carers will be interviewed and out of this there will be 6 individual videos and one larger video which will includes snippets from each of the videos.



The video will be used when engagement is taking place with other services or the Greenwich wide forum, and unpaid carers cannot attend in person to talk.



MP Report

These are the logos we chose for each priority



Community



Health



My care and support



Meaningful Activities



MPs for Greenwich South
Sam Bolton
Mark Bugg



These are the topics we would like to talk to people about

Homes not hospitals



How do people with a learning disability feel about not being able to live in their community and being put into living in institutions like hospitals and Assessment treatment units, the way we used to live.



The government have cut money to help councils build more accessible housing, so people have to stay longer in hospitals.



These are the topics we would like to talk to people about

Potholes, rubbish and leaves on pavement

People who have learning disabilities fall over the rubbish when they are walking. People in wheelchairs can't cross the road or use pavements. It must not be there for safety.



Travelling in the dark and how to keep safe

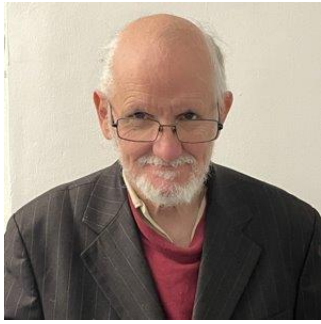
A lot of people are afraid to go out at night or their carer's are afraid for them.



Tenancy meetings/Housing

Robert has told us that he goes to tenancy meetings and thinks that more people with a learning disability should go to those meetings

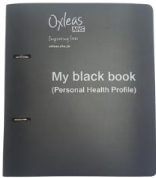




MPs for Greenwich North

Robert Daniels

Lorraine Mason



This is what we have been talking to people about:



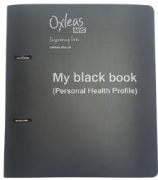
Lorraine and Robert have been visiting different groups and services in their area to introduce themselves to people with a learning disability.



We visited the free lunch at Woolwich Common community centre to talk to people about Annual Health Checks.



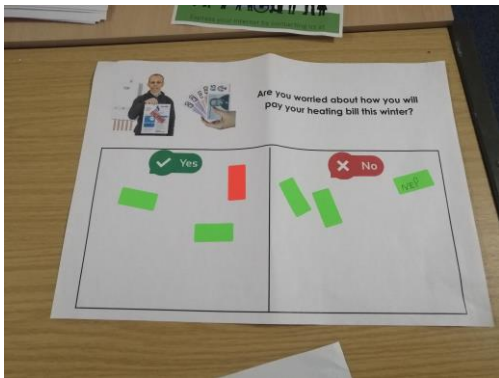
Lorraine went to Oxleas fun and fitness to find out where the people who use the service live in the borough.



This is what we have been talking to people about:



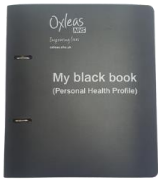
We visited the quality checkers coffee morning in Woolwich to introduce ourselves.



We got to find out what people thought about the cost-of-living crisis and tell them where they can get help in the borough.



Most people didn't know about the Advice hubs and wanted help to know where to go.



This is what we want to talk to people about:



People who are in the Black Asian and Minority ethnic (BAME) community and have a learning disability die younger, so we want to promote Annual health checks more.



Debbie went to quality check Queen Elizabeth Hospital last week; we want to know what people's experiences are of using outpatients.



Housing tenants' meetings



MPs for Greenwich East
Kelly Tchangoum
Ben Holmes



This is what we have been talking to people about:



Ben and Kelly held a big have your say event in Plumstead at the Glyndon community hub.



They asked people what matters to them.



This information will help us to know what to focus on and ask people about.



This is what people said was important to them:

1

Most important



Meeting new friends



Going out in the evening with friends

2

important



Transport being easy to use



Keeping healthy

3

Not as important



Public toilets in the community



Housing



This is what we want to talk to people about:

Direct payments

This is also called a personal budget



Benefits are changing

All old type of benefits are going to be changing to universal credit, it's called **managed migration**

Both topics are difficult to understand and will affect lots of people with learning disabilities



We will work with Robert on finding out more about benefits



MPs for Greenwich West

Lana Dunnett

Debbie Hosten



This is what we have been talking to people about:



Debbie went along to the Oxleas walking group

The walking group met at the Greenwich carers centre in Charlton.



She told people what MPs do and what the People's parliament is.

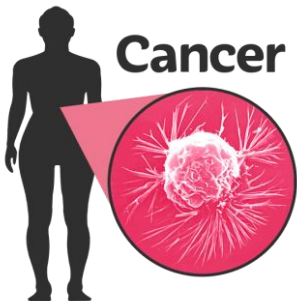


She asked them what was important to them, people said having activities to do every day was important to them.

“I used to go along to a group, but we didn’t do anything, but this new team (Oxleas) are great. We do stuff all week, Monday to Friday.” – **walking group service user told us this.**



This is what we want to talk to people about:



Health screenings they are important to have done.



What activities people like to do

What jobs they like to do



jobcentreplus
Work Coach

GLLaB
Greenwich Local
Labour and Business



MP Plans for 2024



Campaigns

We want to tell people about things that will make a difference to their lives like any changes to services.



We want to get their feedback about these things to bring it back to the partnership board.



We will make a campaign about changes that make a difference to people's lives.



MP Plans for 2024

Meeting new people



Visiting community centres in different areas



Visiting residential homes and services for people with a learning disability to find out what they think.

Training to do our job



Learning how to listen and ask questions to get feedback from people about what matters to them

Speech and language Training, so we can get the views of people with communication difficulties and complex needs.



MP Plans for 2024

Contact form

There is an online contact form on the website for people to use and tell us about any issues they have or give us feedback.

Please fill in this easy read form

Your name

Address

Phone

We also have a paper copy that we will be taking to events.

Please try out the online form with people you support and tell us what you think about it.

Moving on forums

We will be going to Charlton park school and the Trinity site to do moving on forums at the end of January.

This will give young people a chance to have their say about what matters to them



Royal Borough of Greenwich Greenwich Learning Disability People's Parliament




Any other business

None



Next meeting will be:

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