

Manchester Learning Disability Partnership Board

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Problems claiming free dental care



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Making the Partnership Board better

+ Notes from the January 2019 meeting



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Meetings for 2019

All meetings are held on a Tuesday

All meetings run from 10:30am to 12:30pm

26 March

4 June

23 July

23 September

26 November

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What we did at the January 2019 Partnership Board Meeting



At the meeting

Councillor Joanna Midgley	(Chair)
Elizabeth Stevens	Mcr City Council
Catherine Campbell	Manchester City Council
Tracy Cullen	Manchester City Council
Lisa Jones	Central Mcr Foundation Trust
Julie Cunningham	Clinical Commissioning Group
Kirstin Windfuhr	Clinical Commissioning Group
Dr Mel Chapman	Mcr University / GM Gold
Kathy McIver	Ordinary Lifestyles (Chair of Provider Forum)
Sue Thomas-O'Flaherty	Lifted Parent-Carer Group
Sarah Ali	Himmat Parent Carer Group
Pauline Doyle	NWTDT
Joanne Smith	Manchester People First
Paul Hughes	Manchester People First
Barry Edwards	Manchester People First
Andy Needle	Manchester People First
Rose Purcell	Self-Advocate
Tracey Robinson	Self-Advocate
Simon Tiller	Special Dentistry (Speaker)



Sorry for not being at the meeting

Joseph Rooney	Manchester People First
Nigel Hunt	Manchester Safeguarding
Rio	Lancastarian College
Nicola Whitehead	The Shaw Centre
Julie Hicklin	Special Education Needs and Disability Lead



Update from last meeting

When we talked about the the Greater Manchester Learning Disability Strategy and the '100 Day Challenge', we asked Pauline Doyle from the North West Training and Development Team to come to this meeting.

Provider update

Kathy McIver told us what the Provider Forum had talked about. They now meet at Beswick Library because the meeting room at Talbot House was no longer big enough.

The Specialist Support Team came to the Provider meeting. They told Providers how to refer people to the service, which can give advice and support about complex cases.

The Specialist Support Team works with adults who have a learning disability, or autism, or both and who are at risk of their placement breaking down. If that happened they might have to go into a Treatment and Assessment Unit.

The support offered includes psychology, speech and language therapy, occupational therapy and nursing. Referrals need to come to them though the Community Learning Disability Service.

Another speaker at the Provider Forum was from Manchester City Council's Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards team. They spoke about some new laws that the Government want to introduce. These are called the Liberty Protection Safeguards (LPS) and will change the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DOLS).

The new law will be for people who are over 16 years old, instead of over 18 years old. Court Orders will last 3 years instead of 1 year.

Care providers will do the assessments instead of Social Care.

The MPs vote on the law was delayed by the Brexit vote, so no one is sure when it will become law.

How the Learning Disability Partnership Board works

We invited Pauline Doyle from the North West Training and Development Team to the meeting. She told us that each of the 10 areas in Greater Manchester have been given 2.5 days worth of NWTDT training time by the Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership.

Greater Manchester has 2 days worth of training left, which Pauline will use to come up with ideas to help our Learning Disability Partnership Board.

Pauline will tell the Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership how Manchester is doing.

Pauline thinks that in Greater Manchester, Bolton, Trafford and Wigan have had successfully run Partnership Boards for a number of years.

Pauline asked us about how the Board works now.

What changes are needed so we can make decisions that lead to actions that make people's lives better?

Tracy Cullen said we could have sub-groups to look at key things that affect people.

These would match the 10 priorities in the Greater Manchester Learning Disability Strategy.

The sub-groups would work on a priority and then report back to the whole Partnership Board.



We agreed Pauline would run 2 planning days:

1. Meeting for Self-Advocates and Parent-Carers
To tell us what are the most important priorities of the 10 listed in the Strategy.

We may just look at 2 or 3 priorities to start with.
Officers will be at this meeting to help smaller groups.

Mel Chapman thought there would be a link with the people who are members of Greater Manchester Growing Older With Learning Disabilities.

2. Meeting for Officers
Which Officers we want to be at this meeting will depend on what the priorities are.

Pauline needs dates for these meetings as soon as possible.

Kathy asked we follow national research on best practice with learning and action plans.

Catherine will share the Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership Process Slide to Board members.

Catherine will share the Manchester Response Letter for the 100-Day Challenge. She will ask Officers to add to it, so we can see what Manchester is doing in the 10 priority areas.

Manchester People First can support the meetings with Self-Advocates and we can meet at their office, but there will be a charge for room hire.



Specialist Dentistry

Simon Tiller is a Specialist in Special Care Dentistry. He told us about this service, which is available in Manchester.

It is for people who would find it hard to use normal dental services. This may be because of a medical condition, or behavioural issues, or a learning disability, or autism.

The service is given at 8 clinics in different parts of Manchester, including an adapted clinic in Withington.

There is an issue about people having problems getting free treatment, even when they are entitled to it.

This is because the rules about who can claim it are very complex. People have to be getting particular components (parts) of a benefit to get free treatment. So, getting PIP does not automatically mean they will get free dental care.

A lot of people do not know the particular components they are getting and neither do Support Workers.

The Dental Service is not allowed and is not qualified to give benefits advice.

The government has produced an easy read guide called 'Claiming Free NHS Dental Care':

<https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2017-10/Free%20dental%20treatment%20factsheet%2025.09.17%20for%20WEB.pdf>

This is very long and still does not tell people the information they need about which benefit and which component they are getting.

Automatic checks are done on people who claim free dental treatment. Last year, 428,000 people were fined £100 each for claiming free dental care they were not entitled to.

Simon thinks people are put off visiting the dentist as they do not know if they are entitled, or how to claim.



Manchester People First will put a story in the next issue of their 'Speak Up' newsletter.

Lisa will speak to Community Learning Disability Teams.

Catherine will contact the Parent-Carer Network and Providers, asking them to tell Simon about people's experiences. You can contact Simon by email at: simon.tiller@cmft.nhs.uk



Anything else?

Councillor Joanna Midgley said she would be the Chair of Partnership Board from now on.

Paul Hughes asked the Blackpool Self-Advocates Conference could be on the agenda for the next meeting, so he can tell us what went on.



Mel Chapman said Manchester Metropolitan University are going to bid for funds to do an Intensive Interaction research project about working with people who have very little communication.



GM Gold will be having another drive to get people involved with the project. They are looking for people who have a learning disability, live in Greater Manchester, are over 50 years old and have had experience of isolation.



Manchester People First have done a poster leaflet to get new Self-Advocates to be members of the Partnership Board.

Lisa will speak to Andy Needle to see if the Local Care Organisation can fund Manchester People First to work with Self-Advocates in the South of the city.