



# Calderdale Learning Disabilities Partnership Board

## Minutes of Meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> October 2015 At Shibden Mereside

### Who was there?

#### Partnership Board Members

Mildred Smith – Co-Chair  
Paul Howarth – Self Advocate  
Marion Belshaw – Self Advocate  
Karen Midgley – Commissioning  
Manager  
Annabelle MacGregor  
Zena Elmy - Parent  
Doreen Davis -Parent  
Derek Davies – Parent  
David Peck -Parent  
Christine Clarke – Parent/Carer  
Adam Clarke – Self Advocate  
Michael Mitchell – Self Advocate  
Yvonne McGee – Self Advocate  
Nichola Dean – Imagineer  
Karen Parish – St Annes  
Kay Bradley – Lifeways  
Helen Moss – Creative Support

#### Presenters and Visitors

Fareena Razaq – SWYPFT  
Pippa Corner – Calderdale Council

#### Who Couldn't Come

Julie Chadwick – SWYPFT  
Jayne Crane - Parent  
Celia Mason – Mayfield Trust  
Joanne Keane – Mayfield Trust  
Sue Cordingley – Pennine Magpie  
Tim Ham – Creative Support  
Sarah Mitchell – Self Advocate  
Janet Hannan – Lead The Way  
Liz Fielden - Parent

#### Partnership Board Support

Daniel Crampton – Cloverleaf  
Jackie Dolman – Cloverleaf  
Karen Graham – Lead The Way

**Welcome and Introductions**



Mildred welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Everyone said their name.

**Minutes from Last Meeting**



Mildred asked if everyone had seen the minutes from the last meeting. These were agreed.

**Self-Advocacy Update**



The Be Healthy group have tried Social Media sessions and have starting food cooking sessions at the Outback Café. We are using Easy Read recipes to make healthy food. There is currently one of four books available. <http://www.southwestyorkshire.nhs.uk/quality-innovation/initiatives-projects/cook-eat/buy-book/>

The Self-Advocacy network are currently looking for a new venue for Be Healthy.

The Self-Advocacy network are working with Calderdale Council Customer Inspectors looking at Literature and Digital.

### Advocacy in Calderdale



Miriam Loxham spoke about Advocacy in Calderdale.

### Adult Learning



Struan spoke about adult learning and the new courses that are starting up. They have Cooking and Music courses starting in January until Easter. The book with the courses can be found on the Calderdale council website.

Most courses are run at Heath Training in Halifax. Most courses have a small cost but English and Maths are free. All buildings that are used are fully accessible and all workstations are also accessible.

## Budgets



Paul Mansley spoke about the council budget cuts as Calderdale Council need to save £20 million in 3 years. 5 Years ago speaking to different groups had a big impact on the £70 million cuts they made.

Paul asked the partnership board to fill in the questionnaire about cuts and a postcard on how they would improve Calderdale.

The consultations end in October but did ask the partnership board to pass the questionnaire around family and friends.

## Carers Group



Karen read the notes from discussions within the group. One carer had issues about replacing a shower chair with Gateway to Care not responding where else can you go? The groups all said occupational Therapists.

There are some places carers can go free when accompanying the cared for. Dawn Collins has a list of these if people would like them.

Who does breast and testicular checks as these should be done in annual health checks but are not. Karen Graham will check with Julie Chadwick.

Respite care is not currently over prescribed this could be down to individual checks.



Lead the way has now been running for 12 months and have been given 1 year extra funding. Lead the way are now looking at ways to link into other services and continue focussing on individuals.

Karen explained that Lead the Way still are running different groups such as. Life coach group, Carers focus group, Hoot creative arts groups. Hoot group runs at lower edge for 10 weeks at £2.50 per session every Thursday 10-12. Lead the Way also held a Learning Disabilities event which was very well attended with 21 stall holders.

## Calderdale Pathways

There was an event at Shibden Mereside for professionals to explain the different pathways that are available. Such as dementia pathway, Transition to adulthood. The aim is to work together so we do not duplicate work. A Pathway is a route to accessing services such as chiropody so who does what and at what stages you need to go through. Allows people who takes lead on each stage

## Transitions Protocol

Vision is to aim young people to move to adult hood safely and achieve the goal. This is not just aimed at people with a Learning Disability but anybody who may need support in the transition to adulthood.

## Paula Upton Award



The Nominations and voting for the Paula Upton award took place at the end of the partnership board with this year's winner being Karen Graham

## Next Meeting



Date – 3rd December  
2015



Time - 10.00 a.m. – 1.00  
p.m.



Where – Shibden  
Mereside