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Local Area Group**
Minutes of the meeting held on
Thursday
11th May 2017
At Allerton Court, Darlington Road, Northallerton
10am to 2.15 pm

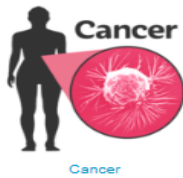


		Item
1		<p>Thelma Thomas welcomed everyone to the meeting. Susan Watson read out apologies. Thelma explained the house keeping. Julie explained the rules. Thelma reminded everybody to sign in and fill in the feedback forms at the end of the meeting.</p> <p>Apologies: Helen Bingham, Lesley Bishoprick, Nathan Middlemass Dry, Michael Barlow, Andrea Wyeth, Dean Snowden, Tara Lawrence, Community Learning Disability Team.</p>
2.		<p><u>Minutes and Action Points of the Last Meeting</u> Minutes were agreed as a true record.</p>

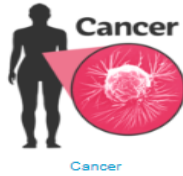
 	<p><u>Action Points were updated.</u> These will be sent separately.</p> <p>A number of carers expressed concern that workers in Health and Adult Services are now generic workers not specialised.</p> <p>Margaret Webb, Family Carer, said that a person with complex needs requires a regular worker. A worker who is aware of complex needs. Not a generic worker. Margaret also said that over the last few years there have been 5 updates of her daughter's care plan the only change has been her age.</p> <p>Elaine said that in Scarborough there has been a request from the Social Services Community Team for training from the Community Learning Disability Team on working with people with learning disabilities. We could look at having the same training in this area.</p>
3  	<p>Agree Together Group – Celestino did a presentation which will follow in another email.</p> <p>North Yorkshire Self Advocate Forum – 25th April, 2017 - Julie did a presentation which will follow in another email.</p>
4. 	<p>Community Safety Task Group update. The Community Safety Task Group are producing 3 leaflets. The 3 leaflets are Drugs and Alcohol Awareness, Illegal Drugs and Alcohol Misuse.</p>

		<p>We have talked to a Counsellor and a local pharmacist to give us information and advise to help us to put accurate information in the leaflets.</p>
<p>5.</p>	    	<p><u>Direct Payments</u> Emma Ryan, Direct Payment Team Leader, did a presentation on 'What a Direct Payment is', The presentation will follow in another e mail.</p> <p>Julie asked - if a person has to pay the Direct Payment money back that they get from North Yorkshire County Council? Emma said 'No' the money does not have to be paid back as long as it is not mis-used. The payment is made to reflect the assessed needs of the person and can be used to meet these needs.</p> <p>Margaret asked if The Direct Payment Advisors keep a record of how they money is spent by people who get Direct Payments? Emma said 'Yes'.</p> <p>Thelma also asked if Direct Payments are just for people with a learning disability? Emma said 'No'. All people with various assessed needs can apply for a Direct Payment. Sue asked if the Providers that are used have to be on a approved list? Emma said 'Yes' they have to be registered with Care Quality Commission. However a Provider does not have to be registered with Care Quality Commission if they do not provide care. Also you cannot employ people who are self employed.</p>

	 	<p>Other questions were asked about other employment issues. Emma said that your Direct Payment Advisor can help you with possible employment issues.</p> <p>Thelma said that Advocacy Support should be on offer for those considering and/or dealing with Direct Payments.</p>
6.		<p><u>'My Life My Way'</u> Celestino did a presentation on 'My Life My Way'. This was to show how somebody can use a Direct Payment.</p>
7.		<p><u>COFFEE BREAK</u></p>
8.		<p><u>Direct Payment Group Work</u> The questions that were asked were: What can Direct Payments be used for? What would you use a Direct Payment for?</p>
9.		<p><u>Learning Disability Partnership Board Review.</u> Rebecca Stanley introduced herself. She is working for Inclusion North. Inclusion North have been requested by North Yorkshire County Council to review the Learning Disability Partnership Board and all its groups. The review is to make sure the Board is working well, that people are included and people have a stronger voice.</p>
10		<p>LUNCH</p>
11		<p><u>Health Matters</u> – Julie gave a presentation on the North Yorkshire Health Task Group which was held in April.</p>



Cancer Screening The Cancer Screening Task Group are looking at how people with a learning disability can get cancer screening the same as everybody else.



The number of people with a learning disability attending cancer screening is low. We need to get more people to attend for screening. Scarborough Local Area Group held a special session giving information to the group members, family carers and other invited organisations to raise awareness. Other Local Area Groups will be arranging to do a similar session in their own areas. We are planning a session in Hambleton and Richmondshire at the meeting in September.



Transforming Care Tees, Esk and Wear Valley Trust were planning to employ 2 Crisis Intervention Nurses on a 12 month project. The aim is to provide more support to people in the community to help them stay at home where possible. At present one nurse has been employed for the Northallerton/Scarborough area. Elaine Crofts is going to ask the nurse for this area to attend the next Hambleton and Richmondshire Local Area Group in September to talk about what her job role is. Elaine will also ask if there is any information we can send out about this role.



Greenlight This is a toolkit for Mental Health Services . It is an audit on making sure mental health services are making reasonable adjustments for people with a learning disability. At a meeting last year

between Learning Disabilities and Mental Health Services it was decided to have an Action Plan:-

The learning disability service is providing learning disability awareness training for mental health staff. We want to make sure reasonable adjustments are made for people using these services. We have had one training session but will be having more sessions.








Health Action Plans, Annual Health Checks, Health Passports update. Jan Pearson has left her job which is now vacant. At the moment the SafeGuarding Team at James Cook University Hospital will be covering Jan's job. Health Passports will go to the SafeGuarding Team. They will put a Health Passport into a person's notes and register them on the electronic computer.

When the new person has been appointed Elaine will invite the person to the Hambleton and Richmondshire Local Area Group.

Kim asked about VIP cards that some people are using. These cards contain information about a person's health needs. There are different versions of this card. Elaine said we can look at producing a VIP card that could be used across North Yorkshire.

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Action Elaine said she would look into the possibility of producing a VIP card that could be used across North Yorkshire.

	 	<p><u>Northallerton Community Learning Disability Team Update.</u> The Team had a visit from the Care Quality Commission Group who visited Gibraltar House. It was a good inspection, but an issue was raised about the lack of space at Gibraltar House for members of the public to visit the Team. There is no dedicated clinical space. This will be looked at by the Trust in their accommodation plans.</p> <p><u>Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby Clinical Commissioning Group – Mental Health Consultation Questions.</u> They are going to redesign services but they will be using the same resources. We worked as a Group to say what we thought was important. Elaine will feed this back.</p>
12		<p><u>Anything else to tell North Yorkshire Learning Disability Partnership Board in September 2017</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback about Direct Payments. • Feedback about Mental Health Consultation questions. • Feedback about Learning Disability Partnership Board review. • For September Local Area Group Meeting encourage people to attend.
13		<p><u>Feedback Forms and Finish</u> We completed the feedback forms.</p>
14		<p><u>Date for next meeting: 7th September, 2017</u></p>

People Who Attended.	
Julie Dodsworth	Self Advocate Co Chair
Thelma Thomas	Independent Co Chair
Celestino Cansado Fernandez	Self-Advocate
Karen Ravenhill	Self Advocate
Pauline Dodsworth	Self Advocate
Elizabeth Ravenhill	Carer
Steve Grant	Support Worker for Celestino Cansado Fernandez
Lindsay Allen	Hambleton and Richmondshire Local Area Group, Carer Representative
Kim Sanders	KeyRing, Self-Advocate Support
Margaret Webb	Carer
Andy Watson	Learning Disability Manager,
Elaine Crofts	NHS.
Rebecca Stanley	Inclusion North rebecca@inclusionnorth.org
Sue Lear	Valuing People Coordinator
Susan Walker	Valley Road, Northallerton
Susan Watson	Minute Taker.