# West Sussex Learning Disability Partnership Board 16 May 2024, Worthing

# minutes

#### **Minutes**

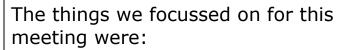
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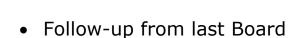
Who came to the Board meeting is listed at the end of these minutes.



#### Introduction:

This meeting was co-chaired by Lucie Venables (WSCC) and Andrew Walker (Self-Advocate)





- Early Support consultation
- Direct Payments Support Service consultation





## Item 1: Early Support Consultation

West Sussex are reviewing this provision.

Sandjea-Marie asked members:

- Where do you find information about early support services?
- How could Early Support be better?



#### Discussion

Top answers from tables:



- Community centre, leisure centre; Wellbeing Hubs
- Libraries and Cafes



- Ask family or friends or parent/carer
- Would like one place on internet where I can find all information for all community activities.
- I don't use the internet
- Speak to a support worker



- Having enough time at a health appointment
- Better accessibility and better communication

	I use the internet to find information; Google; YouTube; the links need to be up to date
	<ul> <li>Short forms and clear signs much better than long forms</li> <li>It needs to be accessible with Easy Read information</li> </ul>
Break	
Coffee	
	Things to do follow-up: Gary collated all the information that members gave at the last Board. Thank you for sharing.
	Item 2: Direct Payments Support Service Consultation Judith asked members:
Independent	<ul> <li>What do you know about the Direct Payments Support service currently provided by independent Lives?</li> </ul>
	What info is needed to raise awareness of Direct Payments amongst customers

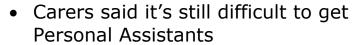
#### **Discussion**

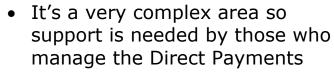






- A lot of customers had not heard of Direct Payments and of the Support Service from Independent Lives.
- Individual customers expressed worry about not wanting a change to their money arrangements









### Bringing it all together and any other business



The co-chairs talked about all the things people said were important at the meeting.



Being able to speak to a trusted person about early support is important

Support

Having accessible materials in Easy Read format or videos. E.g., for the Direct Payments support information



Talking to someone about working and finding a job

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#### Date of next meeting in 2024:

01 August 2024, 10.30am to 12.30pm.

Venue: Worthing Town Hall, Gordon Room

#### Who came to the Board:

Lucie Venables - Head of Commissioning, WSCC Co-Chair

Cllr Amanda Jupp - Member for Adult Services

Andrew Walker - Self Advocate, Speakabout, Co-Chair

Nicola Smith - Self Advocate, B+C Voice

Sarey England - Self Advocate, Speak Up

Richard Hamilton - Self Advocate, Speak Up

Wendy Byrne - Self Advocate, Speak Up

Winston Davis – Self Advocate, Speakabout

Heidi - Self Advocate, B+C Voice

Daniel - Self Advocate, B+C Voice

Sandjea-Marie Adassa - WSCC

Michael Hobbs - LD Health Facilitation Assistant, NHS

Edel Parsons - NHS LeDeR

Diana Bernhardt - Senior Commissioner, WSCC

Sheryl Bunting – Learning Disability and Autism Lead - Carers Support West Sussex

Simona Giunta - Commissioning and Contracts Officer, WSCC (Minutes)

Gary Capelin – Peer Support Co-ordinator WSCC

Martin Ford - Aldingbourne

Tim Claydon - DWP Disability Employment Advisor

Megan Oliver - DWP

Judith Packer – Commissioning Lead, WSCC

Dimensions Day Service - Matthew D, Adam, Aliya, Graham, Matthew C, Tiff, Kelly and Robert

Strawford Day Service – Andrea, Sheila, Stella, Joey, Darren, Michael, Brand, David, Rebecca, Mark, Belinda, Ellesha and Karen.

Gemma Finlay-Gray – Active Sussex

Sarah Johnson – Mencap Sport

Anita Beverton - Southdown/LD Providers Forum Chair