

# Physical Disability Partnership Board Notes

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2023, 11:00am-1:00pm, online via Zoom.

(Pre-meeting for Independent Members from 10am).

## Useful Acronyms

ASCF – Adult Social Care Forum

ICS – Integrated Care System

CCC – Cambridge City Council

PCC – Peterborough County Council

## What did we talk about

- 1) Welcome, Apologies and Introductions – Liz Owen, Chair
- 2) 15<sup>th</sup> August 2023 notes recapped and Action Log Updates – Graham Lewis
- 3) Independent Members Feedback:
- 4) Presentation: Cambridgeshire Police – Stop and Search and use of restraint – Caitlin Bones, Inclusion and Legitimacy Coordinator, Cambs Police
- 5) Update from PCC Physical Disability Peterborough Team – Zara Munt
- 6) Update from PCC Commissioner – Jo Rand
- 7) Priorities Update – Hate Crime and Digital Inclusion – Graham Lewis
- 8) Feedback from other meetings – Graham Lewis
  - ✓ Adult Social Care Forum,
  - ✓ Healthwatch Health & Care Forums
- 9) Any Other Business

### 1) Welcome, Apologies and Introductions – Graham Lewis, Chair

LO agreed to Chair the meeting. The Chair welcomed all, introductions and apologies given. GL requested the board's consent to record the meeting, for note taking purposes only.

### 2) 15<sup>th</sup> August 2023 notes accepted and Action Log Updates – Graham Lewis

119) Update: GL emailed Philipa Avey-Walters of PCC

123) Update: item closed as SB has now left Disability Peterborough

124) GL arranging for a Care Together representative to attend a future meeting and offer a presentation on their newer initiative- Community Micro-Enterprises.

Items 125, 126, 127 noted.

### 3) Feedback from Independent Member Feedback

- Little People UK held an event as part of Dwarfism Awareness Month (October) at Welsh Parliament, talking about the issues impacting on people with Dwarfism to 120 people.
- Access in St Neots are holding an event on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at the Priory Centre in St Neots on Disability Awareness.
- Access in St Neots are going to be working with St Neots Museum on accessibility# is writing a book on managing your disability, having previously written 2 books on mediation (for professional mediators), a book on using mediation in everyday life.

#### **4) Presentation: Cambridgeshire Police – Stop and Search and use of restraint – Caitlin Bones, Inclusion and Legitimacy Coordinator, Cambs Police**

- Caitlin Bones explained her role as working with communities and improving relationships with the Police.
- Wanted to show a video of the police stopping and searching a disabled person, but technology didn't allow it.
- Caitlin invited people to ask questions:
- Q – if person, who is a wheelchair user, is arrested, how are they transported to the Police Station?
- A – If can transfer to police van then this would be the way. If can't transfer, officers would find a way of appropriately transporting them to the Police Station. CB wasn't aware of the Police having a Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle so will explore.
- Q – Is there, or could one be developed, a card that people can use to advise Police officers about their disability, how they communicate, issues that officers should be aware of eg can't get out of wheelchair, have a nerve pain disorder so officers need to be careful when searching.
- A – good idea, CB will explore

**Action:** GL to follow up with Caitlin

#### **5) Update from Physical Disability Peterborough Team – Zara Munt**

- ZM explained that as part of the restructuring of social care in Peterborough, they have established a new role of Senior Social Worker. This means that the Council hope that this will improve service and allow career progression, which means that staff may remain with the council.
- The structure will look like this:

Team Manager



Senior Social Workers



Social Workers



Newly Qualified Social Workers



Community Support Worker (social work practitioners)

## 6) Update from CCC Commissioner – Lisa Sparks

- (Post meeting update) Cambs County Council has appointed a team of Care Micro-Enterprise (CME) Development officers to identify suitable candidates and support them through a process that includes meeting strict training requirements, acquiring an Enhanced DBS check and in some cases Care Certificate or CQC registration, while providing care and support in their local community. A dedicated web page is being prepared, which will list all the CMEs in each district who are part of the programme, but information is also available on the Care Together website: [Care Together - Cambridgeshire County Council](#)

### Update from PCC Commissioner – Jo Rand

- JR explained that as part of the 'de-coupling' of Cambridgeshire County and Peterborough City Council's Social Care departments, Peterborough City Council have established a Combined Commissioning and Contract Team. This team will oversee existing provision and delivery, identifying gaps and innovation, tendering etc.

## 7) Priorities Update – Hate Crime and Digital Inclusion – Graham Lewis

- Disability Hate Crime – event held on 18<sup>th</sup> October – 17 people attended, including Darryl Preston the Police and Crime Commissioner, and officers of Cambridgeshire Police. There was a presentation from Stop Hate UK, and PC Weldon talked about Pegasus (a police project for people with communication difficulties so that when they phone 999 they give a code and that allows the Police to access information

on how to best communicate with them). People shared their experiences of Hate Crime. The 2 key areas are incidents in education settings (Cambridgeshire Police will explore how they can better support schools and people experiencing hate at school), and the filming of people with disabilities.

- Digital Inclusion – event held on 31<sup>st</sup> October – over 40 people attended, heard about the work that Will Plant, Connecting Cambridgeshire, is doing to develop a strategy and action plan to support people in becoming digitally included (if they wish). He explained that up to now most of the work had been in relation to infrastructure and developing training and support systems. His work will focus on engaging people so that they can see how being digitally connected will be helpful not just for ‘official’ issues such as benefits, health appointments etc but also for hobbies and connecting with family and friends.

## **8) Feedback from other meetings – Graham Lewis**

### **Adult Social Care Forum (ACSF) –Graham Lewis,**

- Introduced to the new Executive Directors of Social Care
  - Patrick Warren-Higgs, Cambridgeshire County Council
  - Stephen Taylor, Peterborough City Council
- Presentation on Care Together programme, part of the Early Intervention and Prevention Team of CCC

### **Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority Climate Partnership: The green future – Graham Lewis**

- Invited to be part of a panel discussion on preparing for electrical vehicles.
- Raised issue of electrical car charging points, how they need to be appropriately planned, hazards of people charging their cars at home and running the charging cable across the pavement and how these impacts on people with disabilities.
- Raised issue of electric busses, how silent they are and how these impact on people who are blind/visually impaired and not aware that busses have pulled up to the bus stop. A suggestion at a meeting with Stagecoach, SIPB and sight loss charities was that busses ‘announce’ the bus eg ‘this is the guided busway bus B to Hinchingsbrooke’. This suggestion is being investigated further by the Combined Authority.

### **Healthwatch Health & Care Forums Updates – Rebecca Spalding-Green**

Public meetings taking place every 2months, bringing together service users and service providers – like the hospital trusts, care teams and the ambulance service. Discussing different

topics, wanting to hear local people views about how things are working. If you would like to join regular mailing lists for any of the Health and Care Forums, let us know.

**Huntingdonshire Forum – 5<sup>th</sup> September, Great Stukeley Village Hall, PE28 4AQ.**

- ✓ Healthwatch Integrated Neighbourhood and doctor/ patient groups project.
- ✓ Cambridgeshire Library Services – equipment loans, with internet is available.

**Peterborough Forum – 28<sup>th</sup> September, The Fleet Centre, Peterborough, PE2 8DL.**

- ✓ Presentation from Cambridge University Hospital, Cancer Research.
- ✓ Feedback from Local Doctor Patient Groups.

**Cambs & South Cambs Forum – 4<sup>th</sup> Oct, 10-12, Cherry Trees Club, Cambs, CB1 2LT.**

- ✓ Presentation on the development of the Cambridge Children's Hospital.
- ✓ Health Equalities Partnership; Preventative Health Discovery Project Discussion.

**Fenland and East Cambs – 12<sup>th</sup> October 10-12, Queen Mary Centre, Wisbech, PE13 2PE**

- ✓ Healthwatch Integrated Neighbourhood and doctor/ patient groups project.
- ✓ Local doctor group and individual patient feedback shared.

**Huntingdonshire Forum – 7<sup>th</sup> November, Great Stukeley Village Hall, PE28 4AQ.**

- ✓ Cornerstone Pregnancy Advice & Service Presentation.
- ✓ Lots of local patient and doctor group feedback.

**Upcoming Health and Care Forums**

- Peterborough – 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov 2023, 10-12, The Fleet Centre, Peterborough, PE2 8DL.
- Cambs & South Cambs – 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 2023, 10-12, Online Via Zoom.
- Fenland and East Cambs – 14<sup>th</sup> Dec, 10-12, Queen Mary Centre, Wisbech, PE13 2PE.
- Huntingdonshire – 9<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024, 2-4pm, Great Stukeley Village Hall, PE28 4AQ.

Visit: [Events | Healthwatch Cambridgeshire](#) or [Events | Healthwatch Peterborough](#) for more info.

**9) Any Other Business**

GL advised that there is an event on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023, Journeys to Empowerment, at Peterborough Museum. **Action:** GL to circulate information.

**Date of next meeting**

**Date:** Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**Time:** 11am to 1pm, Pre-meeting for Independent Members from 10am.

**Venue:** Online Via Zoom.