



Mid Surrey Local Valuing People Group Discussion Notes



Sally Dubery and Jo Broadhurst - Jones chaired the meeting.



Sally Dubery

Jo Broadhurst -
Jones

Please refer to our Valuing People Group Presentation Summary, April 2023.

Questions Answers and Comments on Learning Disability Partnership Board for Mary:



Mary talked to the group about the March 2023 Learning Disability Partnership Board. Sarah talked through the Partnership Board minutes which are available on the website.



Carinder asked about annual reviews – can separate reviews be held in different services that a person has such as day service and PA. Mary replied that this was not possible at the moment. There would be an assesment



at the day centre, that will include everything you do and are involved in. Any issues about services should be raised with the provider first so they can put things right, or social worker. This can also be mentioned at the review.

Questions, Answers and Comments on Community Opportunities for Marnie Cotterill and Tom Moore:



Tom and Marnie asked the group the following questions for Community Opportunities and Out Reach Services:

- What works?
- What doesn't work so well?
- What should there be more of?



Carinder said Surrey Choices' community service works well. But there is not enough staff sometimes to support people, and he would like more outdoor activities. For example, going shopping or going to work/ getting work experience.

Marnie asked Carinder if he gets to choose what he would like to do?

Carinder can choose, if his Personal assistant (PA) is with him then the PA makes



the decision for Carinder. Carinder said it should be the other way round and that he should make the decision.



Jo said – she likes to go out more on her own and have more freedom. Marnie asked, if this is because she has had travel training and can-do things on her own? Jo replied yes, but she has only learnt to go to Leatherhead.



When she goes to Guildford, she has a staff member with her, as she has not learnt to do this independently.



Confident

Tom said travel training can help people feel more confident about using transport on their own, so they can go to new places.



Jo said she enjoys going to activities like swimming and works in a nursery but finds that transport can be too expensive to get to work.



It was noted that Active Prospects are working on a taxi charter for people with disabilities.



Carinder mentioned he struggles to use public transport, with his wheelchair, as ramps aren't always available or working.



Mary said these issues have been raised with transport in the Council who cover buses, but not trains. Train companies to ensure wheelchair ramps are available, as a reasonable adjustment.



Sally asked Carinder if he has support about his PA making decisions for him?

Carinder said he does, he has a key worker and other staff.





Dorothy commented to say she agrees with Jo and Carinder that the biggest barrier for people getting to activities is transport. There are lots of good activities going on for people, but people struggle to get to them. Dorothy also said travel training is long-term work, people need to understand how to use transport.



Carinder agreed and said that him and Dexter (another Surrey Choices member, and wheelchair user) struggle with using transport. It can be very tiring for them especially if the journey is long.



Marnie said she is involved in a big piece of work around transport and Freedom to Travel. This includes working on a new policy to make transport more accessible and have additional information on what is available and influence transport companies to become more accessible. Marnie can also use the feedback from these meetings and report back to bigger transport meetings. There is a program that will Launch in September called Digital on Demand Transport.

Sally commented that providers had a reliance on Minibuses and that transport

has not been a focus until recently.



Tom said there are two main areas of focus with travel training: 1) Supporting people to use transport 2) Have allocated time to allow for travel training. So, people can get around the community by themselves.



Sally mentioned how the day opportunities market is dominated by one organisation at the moment.

Tom agreed and said there is a piece of work going on to identify what other organisations have to offer too, so people can have a better choice.



Choice



Mary asked if people who work in transport can shadow those with lived experience so they can see the need first-hand the need for accessibility.



The Grange have been using the digital link transport that has been tried out in Mole Valley.

Sunflower lanyards were discussed. Bus drivers should be aware of them so they know people wearing them may need assistance.

Mary said we can promote the lanyard to companies for awareness.

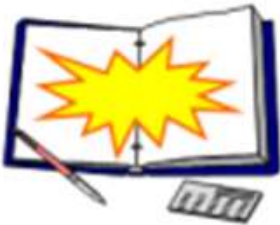




If anyone has further feedback on outreach and day services, please email us:

ldcommunications@surreycc.gov.uk

ACTION



Actions:

Marnie to invite Mary to the upcoming meeting she is having with transport.



If anyone has any feedback, they'd like to send to us, for please email us at:

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Questions, Answers and Comments on Interviewing for Staff for Phil.



Phil mentioned plans to look at paying people when they are involved with recruitment frequently.



Mary said that they do this in Surrey County Council, but it is complicated. As the organisation pays the people then Surrey County Council pays the organisation. Mary can send details of providers that do similar work with interviews.



Jo commented saying she has been involved in interviewing and she enjoyed it and found it quite easy to do. She also liked having a say in the decision to hire someone.

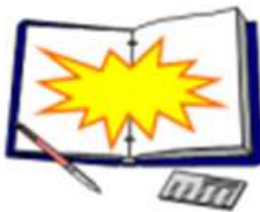


Amanda said, having an interview panel of people who use a provider, shows the values of the workplace.



Dexter said he finds interviewing interesting, as they see how the person will work with others.

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Action:

Phil to look at advertising job roles on Choices Waves radio.

Questions, Answers and Comments on Surrey People's Group for Amanda:



Dorothy said it was good to see so many people with learning disabilities at the event.

Local Updates and Any Other Business:



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Autism Awareness training for Businesses, to see if this could also be available for the voluntary sector. Face-to-face.

Carinder said there is a LDE conference in May in Yorkshire face to-face.

Mary mentioned Learning Disability week, which is week beginning 19 June. Please get in touch through our email if you are planning anything that week.

There will be taster sessions across the week, run by Adult Learning in their centres across Surrey.

Information will be sent out.





Amanda said she hopes that Surrey Outdoor Learning and Development (SOLD) will be running some outdoor activities during the week.



Dorothy mentioned Sunnybank are planning an open afternoon but will confirm the date.

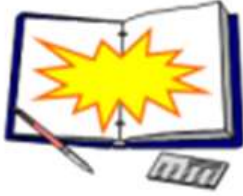


Jo mentioned she is doing a colour run in Guildford and needs some sponsors, the link will be sent around.

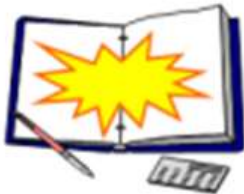


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Action:

- Send future agenda items to the LD communications email.
- Find out about Autism training for voluntary sector.
- Details for Learning Disability week will be sent out.
- Link for Jo's sponsorship will be sent.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday the 19th of July 10pm-12pm.

