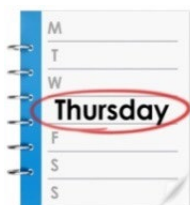




# Learning Disability Partnership Board in Surrey

## Minutes of our January 2022 Meeting.

**Chaired by Anna Waterman.**



Held on Thursday  
6<sup>th</sup> January 2022  
using Zoom video.



## At our January 2022 meeting we talked about:



### **Dementia Strategy.**

Jane Bremner updated us.



### **Direct Payment Survey.**

Yasmin Broome and Sarah Yiannoullou updated us.



### **Awards.**

Sarah Ford updated us.



## Local Updates.

Members updated us.

## Our November 2021 minutes.

**Learning Disability Partnership Board in Surrey**

Minutes of our November 2021 Meeting.

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4<sup>th</sup> November 2021  
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At our November 2021 meeting we talked about:

**Health and wellbeing of carers.**  
Jo Neville-Rye and Debbie Hustings updated us.

**Short breaks from caring.**  
Mary Hendrick updated us.

**Local updates.**  
Board members updated us.

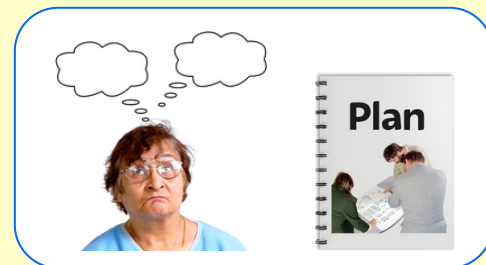
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# Dementia Strategy



Jane Bremner updated us.

**Our Dementia Strategy will be launched this year and will run from 2022 to 2027.**



**People can tell us what they think about our draft Dementia Strategy until 21<sup>st</sup> January 2022.**

We have designed an Easy Read version of our draft strategy. You can find out more and have your say on the Surrey Says consultation website.

[Dementia Strategy](#)

**We have consulted lots of different people about our dementia strategy.**

We have talked to:

- People who have dementia.
- Families and carers who support people with dementia.



## What is dementia?

**Dementia is a disease in the brain. It affects your memory and behaviour.**

Some people with a learning disability are more likely to get dementia, and can get it earlier in their lives.



## Our aims for supporting people with dementia.

**We want people with dementia to:**

- live in a community that welcomes and supports them.
- know where to go for information and help.
- have access to all the support they need to be able to live a good life.
- have support at the end of their life.



## Our strategy has 5 priority areas:

1. Stopping people getting dementia.
2. Helping people diagnosed with dementia.
3. Helping people to live well.
4. Supporting the care of people with dementia.
5. Supporting people with dementia to live for as long as possible.



### 1. Stopping people getting dementia.

**We want to let more people know about dementia and what it is.**

We will do this by:

Sharing information about things you can do that will help protect you from getting dementia.



Making sure everyone has access to information about dementia that is easy for them to understand.



Improving support for people who are more at risk of getting dementia in the future.



## 2. Helping people diagnosed with dementia.

**We want to improve help for people who have just been told they have dementia. We will do this by:**

- Making sure our dementia staff are available to all people in Surrey.
- Supporting Dementia Connect. Dementia Connect is a help and information service for people who have just been told they have dementia and their carers.
- Making sure people with learning disabilities are being checked for dementia.



## 3. Helping people to live well.

**We want to help people with dementia to live a happy and good life. We will do this by:**

- Having local groups to help people with dementia.
- Using new technology to help support people with dementia to live in their own home.
- Supporting people under the age of 65 who have dementia. This includes offering them supported living.



## 4. Supporting the care of people with dementia.

**We want to make sure people with dementia are getting the care they need. We will do this by:**

- Making sure people with dementia know about local groups that can help them.
- Making sure people with dementia have help in an emergency.
- Supporting carers of people with dementia.
- Offering people with dementia personal care in their home.
- Offering people with dementia care a place in a care home or supported living.



## 5. Supporting people with dementia to live for as long as possible.

**We will do this by:**

- Making sure people with dementia are comfortable and their needs are met.
- Making sure everyone has access to end of life care.
- Working with different services to give people with dementia the best care.
- Making sure dementia services staff have the skills they need to give the best care.



## Partnership Board members questions and comments about the draft dementia strategy.

**Support for families if a person denies they have dementia.**



**Kate Goode asked if there is a section in the strategy about support for families where a person is displaying traits of dementia but denies they may have it.**

Jane Bremner said there wasn't a specific mention of this in the strategy, but that there was a strong focus on supporting carers.

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**Young carers.**



**Kate Goode asked if there was a section in the strategy focused on the needs of young carers.**

Jane Bremner said that there wasn't a specific mention of young carers in the strategy, but that she would take this feedback on board.

Sarah Ford mentioned that Surrey has developed a separate carers strategy which does include the needs of young carers.

Anna Waterman suggested that Jane link with Gary Wood who is the young carers lead for Surrey.

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**Technology Integrated Health Management (TIHM).**



**Cllr Bernie Muir mention TIHM the remote monitoring service that is increasing support for older people with dementia and cognitive impairments across Surrey.**

To find out more go to: [TIHM Monitoring Service](#)

## Talking to groups and Easy Read resources.



**Claire Dawson asked whether anyone from dementia services is able to come to groups for people with learning disability to talk about preventing dementia.**

**Claire also asked whether there were resources for people with a learning disability who may have a parent with dementia.**

Jane Bremner said she would feedback to the strategy team about the request for speakers at groups. She also said that she wasn't aware of any resources for people with a learning disability. Imogen Osborne will help to search for useful resources.

**ACTION**



Maria Mills said that McIntyre have done a lot of work around people with a learning disability and dementia. They may have resources and may be able to speak at groups.

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## Annual Health Checks.



Chris Esson said that Dr. Karen Dodd has emphasized the importance of making sure that Annual Health Checks for people with a learning disability include a check for signs of dementia.

Katie Striblehill said that a dementia check is part of an annual health check, and that the primary care liaison team are re-designing the training for GPs, and are working with Dr. Karen Dodd to highlight dementia more strongly.

Liz Williams agreed to check if it is possible for dementia checks to be included as a health marker recorded for annual health checks.

**ACTION**



Liz also mentioned that many health checks take place from January to March, and it would be more helpful if they were spread more widely across the year as Covid priorities in winter could impact of GP's capacity to offer health checks.

Jane Bremner said that she recently saw a presentation from Dr. Karen Dodd about better ways of measuring outcomes for support for people with a learning disability and dementia. Jane stressed that they are very keen that nobody gets ignored.

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## **Mental Capacity.**



Claire Dawson highlighted that mental capacity tests for people with a learning disability and dementia are very complex and wondered if this was mentioned in the strategy.

Jane Bremner said that this wasn't specifically mentioned in the strategy, and was a very important point. She agreed to feed this back.

# Direct Payments Survey



Yasmin Broome and Sarah Yiannoullou updated us.

**Surrey County Council have asked Surrey Coalition of Disabled People to consult people about Direct Payments.**

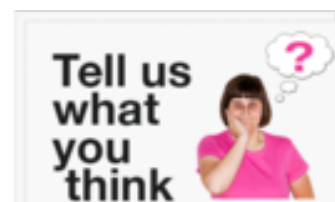
A Direct Payment is used by a person to buy the support they need. It gives them more choice and control.



Yasmin Broome has had meetings with groups to find out their views, and is going to run a rich picture session with Active Prospects.



Surrey Coalition designed a survey to help people give their views.

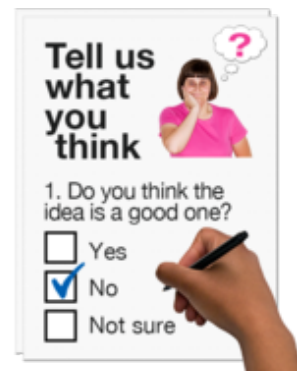


Sarah Yiannoullou has met people one to one to find out people's views.



## Surrey Coalition have asked people lots of questions about Direct Payments, including:

- What they know about Direct Payments.
- How they found out about Direct Payments.
- How they were offered Direct Payments.
- What has gone well with their Direct Payment.
- What has been difficult with their Direct Payment.
- What support they have used their Direct Payment to buy.
- What would they ideally want to use their Direct Payment for.



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**People had until Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January to fill in the survey.**



**Contact Yasmin if your group would like to talk to her about Direct Payments.**

- [Yasmin.Broome@surreycoalition.org.uk](mailto:Yasmin.Broome@surreycoalition.org.uk)
- 0745 5267424

# Partnership Board members questions and comments about the Direct Payments consultation.

## Surrey County Council and Direct Payments.



**Chris Esson explained that as well as people with a learning disability, Direct Payments can be used to buy support for children with disabilities.**

Chris said that Surrey County Council had been offering Direct Payments for 15 years. They want to find out if there is any part of the process that can be improved.

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## Paperwork and Direct Payments.



**Sara Truman commented that Direct Payments work for some people, but others find the amount of paperwork and admin involved too much.**

Eloise Appleby added that for many people the administration outweighs the benefits. She said that Surrey County Council seem to focus at meetings on the admin and accounting for how the money has been spent, rather than on the outcomes achieved for the person.

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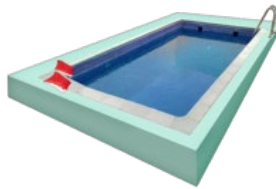
## Understanding of Direct Payments.



**Kate Goode said that many families have very little understanding of what a Direct Payment is and what is involved in managing one.**

Steve Hook commented that we need to get better at explaining Direct Payments, with flexibility about how they can be used to meet people's needs. He added that in the past there have been unhelpful messages about what a Direct Payment can or can't be used for, which had led to them being used inappropriately.

## Need for flexibility with Direct Payments.



Kate Goode gave an example of a family where a Direct Payment was used for a personal assistant to take a disabled child swimming. Ideally the family would like the personal assistant to look after the siblings whilst mum took her child swimming, but this wasn't allowed.

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## Alternatives to a Direct Payment.



**Benedicte Symcox said that many families choose not to have a Direct Payment due to fears about the paperwork involved, and worries about being an employer.** She also mentioned that she had heard of families who were not offered an alternative after rejecting a Direct Payment.

Fadzai Tande said that Direct Payments have been very successful, and that she hopes these poor experiences are very rare. Fadzai would be happy to look into cases if alerted that a family in transition were not offered an alternative to Direct Payments.

Fadzai also mentioned that supported managed accounts are a recent option which take away a lot of the responsibility to manage the Direct Payment from families.

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## When a young person turns 18.



**Benedicte Symcox commented that adult services sometimes assume that a parent will continue to manage a Direct Payment when their child becomes 18 years old.**

Fadzai Tande said that this shouldn't happen, and that a Direct Payment can't be administered by a third party without the individual having had a mental capacity assessment.

# Awards



Sarah Ford updated us about the awards.

**Many different people and organisations in Surrey have been nominated for or won awards in 2021.**

**Congratulations to everyone, and thank you all for your hard work.**



We will mention everyone in these minutes, and if you would like to be sent the full presentation giving details of each award please email: [ldcommunications@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:ldcommunications@surreycc.gov.uk)

## **Peak 15 (Michael).**



Michael was nominated for the Horley Town Award.

## **Surrey People's Group.**



Surrey People's Group were nominated for the 2021 Leaders List Award.

## Consensus.



Eddie Morgan was nominated for the Jim Mansell Award for Outstanding Contribution at the National Learning Disability Awards 2021.

Consensus won the Care Employer Award at the East of England's regional final of the Great British Care Awards 2021.

## The Grange.



The Grange were nominated for The Market 3rd Sector Care Awards Campaigning for Change Category.

## Include.



Alix Lever was nominated for the Royal College of Speech & Language Therapists Giving Voice Award.

The Include steering group was nominated for The National Learning Disability and Autism Leadership Award.

Include were nominated for The Surrey Lieutenancy Certificate of Appreciation.



Sofia Yermo-Moore was nominated for The Reigate and Banstead Young Volunteer of the Year Award.



## Surrey Health and Social Care Partnership.



We were nominated for The Health and Local Government Partnership Award, because of our Surrey Learning Disability and Autism three year delivery plan.

## Halow.



Halow were nominated for The Children and Young People Now'- national awards, 2021.

They were Finalists and Highly Commended in learning award category.

## Active Prospects.



Matt Leadbeater has been involved in fundraising events, volunteering, radio DJ and doesn't let his disability get in his way. Matt was nominated for The Learning Disability and Autism Leaders List, and was Volunteer of the Year finalist at the Third Sector Awards.

Vicky Marshall was nominated for The Workforce Development Award winner at the Great British Care Awards South East Region.

Active Prospects were the Care Employer winner at the Great British Care Awards South East region.

Lynsey Way was nominated for The Positive Behaviour Award winner at the National Learning Disability and Autism Awards.

Sam Padayachee was Highly Commended for the Home Care Registered Manager category at the Great British Care Awards South East.

## Surrey Choices.



Rossi, JD, Conner and Afzal were nominated for Achievement of the Month, Surrey Choices Celebrating Success.

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The Shared Lives Team were nominated for The Resilience and Innovation during Covid National Shared Lives Plus Award.

Francesco and Reeaz were nominated for the Outstanding Carers of the Year at the Shared Lives Plus National Awards.

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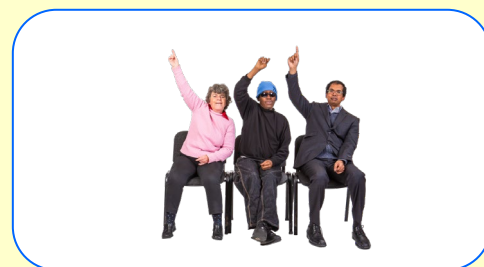
The Positive Behaviour Support Team were nominated for The National Learning Disabilities & Autism Awards 2021.

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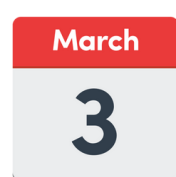
Karen Breakspear was nominated for the The Compassion Award Market 3rd Sector Care Awards. Dexter James was nominated for The Breaking Down barriers Award at the National Learning Disabilities & Autism Awards 2021. Anne Shiels was nominated for the Leadership Award at the Market 3rd Sector Care Awards

# Local updates

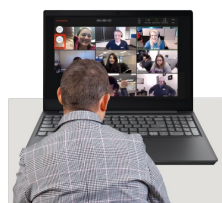


Members updated us.

## Our next Partnership Board Meeting.



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Our next meeting will be on:

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022 from 9.45am to 12.30pm.**

We will let members know if this will be a Zoom meeting, or whether we will be meeting in person. We will be reporting on progress we have made since April 2020 on our various workstreams. Laura Saunders and Liz Williams will also update us about their work.

## Our Valuing People Group meetings.



Local groups will be meeting again in January 2022. Topics they will be talking about include short breaks, accommodation and support and Active Surrey.



## The Queen's Jubilee.



The Queen's Platinum Jubilee will be celebrated in June 2022. The Queen will have been the monarch for 70 years in 2022. She was crowned in 1952.

Partnership Board members talked about having events to celebrate the Jubilee, perhaps during Learning Disability Week. We will promote anything organisations are planning to do to celebrate the Jubilee. Email us at [Idcommunications@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:Idcommunications@surreycc.gov.uk)

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## The challenges care providers are experiencing.

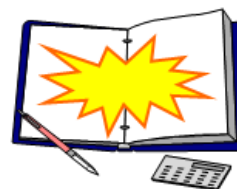


Maria Mills from Surrey Care Association told us that providers are finding it hard to find enough staff to run services, and that many other staff are helping out to cover for staff vacancies and staff sickness.

Maria said that things were as difficult this January as they were in January 2021.

# Summary of actions from our January 2022 meeting.

**ACTION**



## **Easy Read dementia resources.**

Imogen Osborne and the engagement team will help to find Easy Read resources around dementia and people with a learning disability.



## **Dementia and annual health checks.**

Liz Williams agreed to check if it is possible for dementia checks to be included as a health marker recorded for annual health checks.



## **Queen's Jubilee celebrations.**

We will promote anything organisations are planning to do to celebrate the Jubilee.

# Members who came to our January 2022 meeting.

## Co – Chairs

- Sarah Ford – Senior Commissioning Manager
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## Local Valuing People Group Chairs

- Tom Moore – Surrey County Council– South West Surrey
  - Sally Dubery – Central Surrey Voluntary Action – Mid Surrey
  - Sarah Ford – Senior Commissioning Manager – East Surrey
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## People with a learning disability

- Tom Sliwinski
  - Dexter James
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## Family Carer Representatives

- Sara Truman MBE
  - Gaynor Gibbins
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## Voluntary Organisation Representatives

- Yasmin Broome – Surrey Coalition of Disabled People
- Maria Mills – Surrey Care Association / Active Prospects
- Mette Le Jakobsen- Surrey Choices
- Jade Vallance – Active Prospects
- Claire Dawson – Sunnybank Trust
- Justine McManus – Department of Work and Pensions
- Kate Goode and Benedicte Symcox – Family Voice Surrey
- Eloise Appleby – The Grange

# Members who came to our January 2022 meeting.

## Surrey County Council representatives

- Amy Jackson – Adults Senior Business Support Assistant
  - Tom Moore – Commissioner
  - Mary Hendrick – Senior Commissioner
  - Steve Hook – Assistant Director
  - Alison Caraccio – Surrey Adult Learning
  - Fadzai Tande – Transition Team
  - Liz Williams – Joint Strategic Commissioning Convener
  - Chris Esson – SCC Commissioner for Mental Health
  - Cllr Bernie Muir – Chair of Adults & Health Select Committee
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## Health representatives

- Jane Owens – Surrey Healthwatch
  - Julie Wadham – NHS Safeguarding Advisor
  - Katie Stribblehill – Lead Primary Liaison Nurse
  - Laura Saunders – Surrey Heartlands CCG Commissioning
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## Observers and Presenters

- Mike Leat – CCP Ltd.
- Jane Bremner – Health of Mental Health Commissioning SCC
- Sarah Yiannoullou – Surrey Coalition of Disabled People