



# North West Surrey Local Valuing People Group Discussion Notes



Helen Hunt and Carinder Malhi chaired the meeting.



Helen Hunt



Carinder Malhi

Please refer to our [Valuing People Group Presentation Summary, April 2023.](#)

# Questions Answers and Comments on Learning Disability Partnership Board:



Sarah talked through the Partnership Board minutes which are available on the Learning Disability Partnership Board Webpage.

There were no questions or comments from the group.

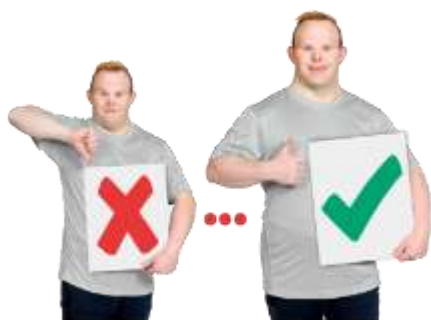
# Questions, Answers and Comments on Community Opportunities for Marnie Cotterill and Tom Moore:



Tom and Marnie sent their apologies, as they couldn't attend the meeting, so Amanda presented.

Tom and Marnie wanted to ask 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?





Amy and Shannon said that Shannon is moving into supported living, and she finds budgeting a useful activity during the day, as this will help her when she moves.

Shannon also does cook on a Monday, then is at Halow for the rest of the week doing work experience in gardening.



Carinder says he enjoys going to day centres, he also has a personal assistant that helps him. He enjoys going out and about to cafés.



Transport is an issue – especially for people who use wheelchairs, as the ramps don't always work.



Carinder likes that his personal assistant is flexible with time.



It was mentioned that transport is difficult, especially the use of bus passes. People can't use their bus pass until 9:30am, this can impact on activity sessions that start at 9am, meaning people will miss out on some time, or must find another way to get there. Also, if people are being encouraged to gain work experience, they will be unable to make a 9am start.



Llinos asked if the subject also covers evening opportunities and not just day?





Amanda answered that evening opportunities are also included, and that she will present what Surrey People's Group said about evening opportunities. One thing people said, was they can't get support for the evening as people want to finish work for the day in the evening. So, they are unable to go out.



Helen asked if there was a time frame for this piece of work led by Tom and Marnie?



Amanda replied that they will be coming back to the next set of Valuing People Group meetings, to discuss Travel Training and Employment opportunities. They will also be attending the next Surrey

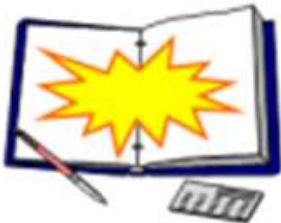


People's group in June, so the work is on-going and long term .

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

[Idcommunications@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:Idcommunications@surreycc.gov.uk)

**ACTION**



**Actions:**

**Tom and Marnie to take away the feedback from the group.**

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

[Idcommunication@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:Idcommunication@surreycc.gov.uk)

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



Carinder said he enjoys interviewing and feels it is important to have an interview panel as they can see if the person will fit into the organisation and work well with people.



Helen asked how many people are on the panel, and do they rotate?

Phil replied saying they have a pool of people to choose for the panel, usually it is 3 people for an interview. But it depends if people are available to be on the panel. It







also depends on the role, if the position was internal and the panel knew the interviewee Phil would want to avoid bias (people picking their favourite, as they know the person already) and pick someone else to do the panel. Phil would also like to expand the pool of people Surrey Choices uses for the panel. Helen said this is a good approach and this should be shared and transferred to other organisations.

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



Helen asked how many people came to the event and did they come from different places?

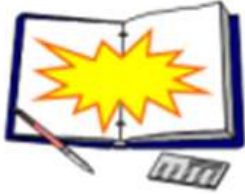
Amanda replied saying it was about 90 from all over Surrey and from various organisations.



Helen asked where the feedback from the event would go?

Amanda said, all the feedback has been given to the relevant people. The summary of the event can be found on the [Surrey People's Group webpage.](#)

**ACTION**



**Action: To circulate the Surrey People's Group Presentation.**

## **Pavement Safety With Carinder Malhi:**



Carinder talked about pavement safety, and how to report unsafe pavements. You can report this by going onto [Surrey County Council's Highway Issue Webpage.](#)

**Action: People to report unsafe pavements.**

# Local Updates and Any Other Business:



Amanda mentioned Learning Disability Week – she has emailed lots of people and providers to ask what events people are having for the week. Also, if anyone has any awards or achievements, we can present and celebrate.

There will be a Surrey People's Group event at Woodhatch place on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June, for learning disability week. The information will be sent out near the time.

Please email [ldcommunications@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:ldcommunications@surreycc.gov.uk) to send in any

activities or achievements to share for Learning Disability Week.



The Direct Payment consultation that was mentioned in the last set of Valuing People meetings, will be circulated when available including an Easy Read version.



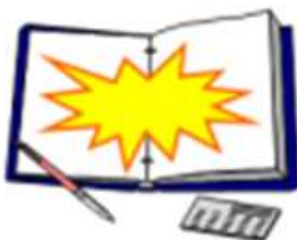
### **Action:**

**People to email**

**[ldcommunications@surreycc.](mailto:ldcommunications@surreycc.gov.uk)**

**[gov.uk](http://gov.uk) about upcoming events and achievements for Learning Disability Week.**

**ACTION**



**Direct Payment  
consultation/easy read  
version to be sent when  
available.**

## Next Meeting:

The next meeting will take place on  
Wednesday the 10<sup>th</sup> of July 10:30pm-  
12:30pm.

