## SOUTHEND AUTISM PARTNERSHIP BOARD
Minutes of Meeting held on 10th November 2017

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### Minutes:

Evelyn Mackay (EM)

### Agenda Item

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- Jacqui to email Michelle to see if she will be attending the Board
- Learning Disabilities Minutes – Suzanna Edey has had to wait for a decision to be made on the Transport review to be able to send the minutes out.
- Leaflet – Suzanna Edey did not have any feedback from the board regarding the leaflet and therefore it is ready to be used. The board will discuss later in the agenda (AOB) how/where it will be distributed.
- FOI request has been completed
- Self-Assessment Framework will be discussed in AOB

The July Minutes have been signed off and will be uploaded to the internet.

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The National Transformation Care Board begin in April 2014 because of how people with Learning Disabilities and Autism were being transferred out of hospital. The board runs across Essex, Southend and Thurrock with Simon Leftley as the chairs and Ian Stidston as the deputy chair.

Essex has high numbers of people with Autism and Learning Disabilities in hospital, the focus has been broken down into three work streams 1. Adults 2. Children and young people 3. Autism mainly focusing on the operational side to make sure that people are not in hospital as long as they need to be. Adults - The current contracts are not fit for purpose, we want people to be moved onto the correct place the first time around, the new contract will be in place in October 2018.
**Children and Young people** – The contract has been extended, Simon Dickinson has done some work within this contract to understand what happened to people who ended up in crisis and why/how they got there to help prevent crisis.

**Autism** – This fits in with the work around adults and children’s, one of the things that has been found is that there is a small cohort of people who have autism but no learning disabilities. The board are trying to introduce appropriateness rather than eligibility as someone with learning disabilities does not need the same treatment as someone with autism. There is a lot of work going on around this at the moment, all three local areas are writing up an action plan so when they bring them all together they can see where the gaps are. This will be recognised nationally, the challenge is going to be working with education and schools not just with the hospital, St Christopher’s is supportive of this piece of work. There is a small group that meet every 6 weeks, the next meeting is on the 5th December, Simon will send out the invite for people to attend if they feel this will be beneficial.

Phil Brown discussed how he wants a cultural shift on the way doctors think about patients without a diagnosis. He attended a meeting where they discussed a women with mental health issues, because she didn’t fit the scope for any of the diagnosis’s neither one of the doctors around the table would take --------, the lady then ended up going untreated and ended up back in A&E.

**Actions:**
- Hugh to meet with Phil and Simon to discuss the Autism change programme
- Jacqui to meet with Simon re the workshop
- Eve to send out the “Holland Poem”

| 4. | Introduction of Phil Brown |
| 5. | Autism Training Pathway update – Judith Mummery |
| 6. | Autism reality experience (ARE) feedback |
| 7. | Update on working with schools – Alison McIlwraith |

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**Autism Training Pathway update – Judith Mummery**

Judith’s last meeting with Andrea was cancelled as there is still some mapping outstanding, Julie Thompson is working on this. Once the mapping is completed it will be taken to the task and finish group and then back to the board. The Dementia training pathway is going out to tender within the next couple of days, this will be very similar framework for Autism so the feedback will help to move this in the right direction.

**Action:**
- Judith to bring the mapping to the next meeting

**Autism reality experience (ARE) feedback**

Judith and her team published and pushed this as much as they could, there were 72 people who attended in total which was a bit disappointing and the level of feedback hasn’t been great either. The feedback is very important as is may help understand why others did not attend the course or what to do to make it better (fill in the gaps). When the dementia tour was done it was fully booked and this is what they want for Autism. Please suggested changing the location as parking in the civic is quite difficult and the dementia experience was in the middle of the high street so people walking by would notice and take interest. The decision on whether this will be commissioned again will decided in the next meeting once all of the feedback is completed and an evaluation has been made.

**Action:**
- Judith to bring the evaluation of the reality experience to the next meeting.
From a school’s perspective the EHC plans are majority for children with autism. There has significant discussions with schools and families re assessments/ timescales and how we support those needs through training. St Christopher’s delivers a lot of training.

Key stage 1 resource is in place for children for autism but no key stage 2 provision as of yet so there is a gap from the end of infants to juniors in various places.

Alison has asked for help from the board to start challenging schools on how they deal with children with autism for example, exclusions from schools.

It was asked if a child needs to have a diagnostic to be able to get the support, Alison answered that the child does not need a diagnostic. The school should be doing a graduated approach, identifying if a child has needs which should be done within the 6K located to each child.

Judith Mummery, informed the board that schools need to registers to get the material needed, the contact is Maggie Butler. – contact details

8. SAF – Suzanna Edey

SAF return for 2016 expecting bi annual return no announcement re the next one yet. We can use the 2016 for some work planning going forward as a board. Suzanne has gone through the SAF and pulled out and focused on areas where we were scoring red/amber and no when yes would have been better. We could use this within the workgroups we have set up to think about how we get ourselves up to green for the next SAF

The most useful thing, is to circulate the copies again with the minutes and for people to use these in their task and finish groups as guides. Will the questions be the same in the next one? They should be the same but we will not know until we see them. The board are happy for this to happen.

Action:
Suzanna to co-ordinate the above going forward and to bring an update to each board meeting on how we are progressing.

9. Housing Update

Glyn gave an introduction of himself to the board and advised the Board that he had been appointed to the Group Manager of Housing on an interim basis. Glyn gave a broad overview of the priorities for housing in Southend linked to the national agenda. He acknowledged that there is now a need for a new housing strategy in Southend which picks up the broader needs of autism. The Board suggested that maybe the Council’s sheltered housing stock may be suitable for re design for autism. The Board also questioned if there was any value in talking to the housing associations about their housing and what priority they are putting on their housing lists for people with autism. The Board tasked Glyn to speak to Planning about ensuring that future planning developments considered housing specifically for autism and housing associations about allocating housing to people with autism.

Meg Davidson met with Andrew Fiske before he left, the sheltered housing review has been discussed in a series of workshops. Andrew was going to include that some of the sheltered housing would be allocated to people with autism. If there is money or capital to get shared ownership for some of the flats especially 1 bed flats with a concierge, so they can own a part of the flat or rent it. Meg spoke with someone from the national autistic partnership but they haven’t done any work in regards to this. Thurrock and Family Mosaic have commissioned
bungalow and houses for people with autism. Suzanna has some details round the Thurrock development and has done a piece of work around shared ownership. There is a lack of new builds with design for autism in mind, it needs to be incorporated into the spectrum.

Angela informed the board of a provider a few years back that invested in purpose built properties for people with high level autism and learning disabilities but no one was able to rent these as the prices were too high.

10. Engagement workshop – Jacqui

It has been decided that the workshop will set towards the end of April and that the Self-Assessment and the lived experience will be part of the workshop.

**Actions:**
Board members to feed back to Eve what they would like on the agenda.

11. ASD – Ross Gerrie

At the last meeting we discussed the pilot through the Portland for 15 children to go forward for assessment. The pilot was successful and the feedback showed that parents we happy to ravel to London for the assessment, therefore it has been agreed that further children will now be forwarded to Portland for assessment. Quality assurance has been assured through the hospital and clinicians. We did get some assurance around use of ADOS as oppose to DISCO. Learning from pilot was the flow of cases, the pilot was more drawn out than we would have wanted primarily due to running over holiday period. Some of the information where children had been on the waiting list for a significant amount of time was out of date and we ensured that going forwarded schools are able to provide feedback so we can get as much up to date information as possible as part of the assessment process. For other providers we will do small scale pilots as well following site visits to assess quality and validation visits. The long term plan is to bring assessment process back into Southend. Time scale for a full business case is the end of March 2018. The number of the combined waiting list is 372 cases – Southend 212 cases over 5’s under 5’s are 128 across Southend and CP&R. There was an acknowledgement that we do need a long term sustainable solution and schools need to be more open to providing additional support without a formal diagnosis.

12. JSNA – Suzanna

Mike Bennett has taken the JSNA proposal to EDMT where it was signed off. The 28th November is the first steering group, Suzanna will make sure that autism in embedded as its own chapter.

13. AOB

James to have an agenda item at the next board, Hugh Johnston – Implementation plan to be on the next agenda People to send Suzanna suggestions of how they would like the leaflet distributed.

Next Meeting: 9th February 9am - 11am