

Kirklees Learning Disability Partnership Board Review 2018

Looking at how it is working and what we can learn for the future

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attend*



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National news so
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Why did Kirklees Council want to review the Learning Disability Partnership Board ?



Why?



Kirklees Council wanted to review the Learning Disability Partnership Board to look at how they can strengthen the voice and engagement of people.



This is so that they can make sure that it is making a difference for all people with a learning disability living across Kirklees.



They wanted to ask people and professionals from all the different jobs including self-advocates and family members what they think about how the Learning Disability Partnership Board is working.

As part of their membership with Inclusion North the council asked Inclusion North to do this piece of work using their member vouchers.



A questionnaire was developed so that people could give their thoughts and ideas.



To find out how the Learning Disability Partnership Board is working Inclusion North wanted to know:

- What is working well
- What could be better
- Ideas that people had



Kirklees Council sent the questionnaire to all the people that are involved in the Learning Disability Partnership Board.

As part of the review Inclusion North also ran a session at the Learning Disability Partnership Board.

At the session Inclusion North shared the feedback from the questionnaires.

Together the group looked at next steps and what changes were needed to make the Board even better.



What did we find out by doing this review?



In total Inclusion North received 4 questionnaires with feedback from:

- Self advocates
- Family members/carers
- Council worker

What did people say was working well?



- *The self advocacy service and the people who attend have a good knowledge of what is happening in Kirklees*
- *It is a good place to raise ideas and future plans*
- *Good for service user group (KIN) and carers group to raise issues and discuss with Council*
- *It helps to look at the bigger picture*
- *People working together to share ideas, issues and concerns - help can be found quickly*
- *Organising and delivery of events like Learning Disability Week*
- *Helps to solve problems, which can have positive results*
- *Information is shared in a friendly and helpful way - there is easy read information*



The only place that providers, carers and people with a learning disability come together with the council and other key people

We get local news and National news so we can keep up with what's going on

We discuss gaps in services and try to address them





What did people say is not working so well?



- *Key people do not attend the meetings – people who can make decisions*
- *It needs to link better to decision making boards*
- *There are no sub-groups for health and housing which can feed into the Board*
- *There is no voice for people with profound and multiple learning disabilities*
- *Because senior people do not come to the meetings other people have stopped coming too*
- *The Board does not have a work plan which they can work through to check to see if things are happening for people with a learning disability and their carers*



*Need more younger
people with a learning
disability and their
representatives,*

*need more services to
attend*

*Someone should
attend at least 3
meetings per year
from every
organisation*

*The discussions are
often difficult for
people with a learning
disability to keep up
with*





People's ideas to make the Board better



- *At times there are difficult decisions to be made, the Board needs to get input into these and get feedback on changes made*
- *Needs more commitment from senior management:*
 - *People who can help to make change happen*
 - *People who can take the actions and make decisions*
- *Input from schools and colleges and youth clubs , maybe do some one off sessions with them to find out their issues and feed them back to the board*
- *Maybe have meetings in different venues, day centres, Colleges etc.*
- *The Boards needs a vision that everyone is committed to*
- *Permanent co-chairs for the Board*
- *The Council and NHS should attend the Board working together to make change happen*
- *Needs to be in easy read with a summary sheet for every meeting*
- *Maybe do a yearly newsletter and publicity drive to get more interest*
- *Meetings to be led by members with a learning disability and their carers*



Who should be involved and why?



- *Commissioners – people responsible for services in the local area. They will know gaps in services*

- *Health and social care providers including the Council, voluntary and private organisations*



- *Senior managers who can give information about people with a learning disability that is local and national*

- *Housing providers*

- *Younger People*

- *Younger Carers*

- *Pcan*

- *Huddersfield Autism group*

- *Councillors*

- *New Portfolio Holder for Cabinet*





Next steps for the Learning Disability Partnership Board



Work together to make a plan of work for the Learning Disability Partnership Board that links to the big plan for Kirklees Council.



Make sure that people with a learning disability and family members know what the plans are so that they check that things are happening.



Look at the Learning Disability Partnership Board rules (Terms of Reference) to make sure that they are working and have the right information.



Invite the key people to be part of the Learning Disability Partnership Board linking to:

- The Council's big plans
- Health
- Children