

Rotherham Learning Disability Partnership Board



Notes of the Meeting Friday 6th December 2013 10.10 am to 12.15 pm

Voting Members

At the meeting:

Patricia Russell	Councillor – RMBC - Co-Chair
Alison Owen	Regional Forum Representative - Co-Chair
Bryan Adams	People's Representative (left at 11.00 am)
Ann McMahon	Carer Representative
Jayne Price	Carer Representative
John Williams	Learning Disability Service

Who said they could not come to the meeting:

Jan Frost	Housing Services - RMBC
Shona McFarlane	Director of Health and Well Being – RMBC
Robert Parkin	People's Representative
Kate Tufnell	Head of Contracts & Service Improvement - NHS-CCG

Who did not come to the meeting:

Linda Jarrold	Voluntary Action Rotherham
Brian Wood	Children & Young People's Service - RMBC

Sorry!

Non-Voting Members

At the meeting:

Sabi Akram	RAP
Sally Ferguson	Speakup
Sandra Grinnell	Learning Disability Service

Also:

James	Speakup Student
Melanie Hall	For item 2 – Healthwatch Rotherham (left at 10.35 am)
Naveen Judah	For item 2 – Healthwatch Rotherham
Dr Katherine Runswick-Cole	Observing the meeting

Taking the notes of the meeting:

Jo Frear	Learning Disability Service
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Key:

NHS-CCG	NHS Clinical Commissioning Group
RMBC	Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council
RAP	Rotherham Advocacy Partnerships
RDaSH	Rotherham Doncaster and South Humber NHS Foundation Trust



Alison opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the Partnership Board meeting. Alison asked that people make sure their mobile phones were turned off.

1

Introductions + Apologies

Hello!

The meeting started with introductions being made (people said who they were).

Sorry

Jo then read out the people who said they could not come to the meeting (voting members) – see page 1.

2

Healthwatch Rotherham



Melanie Hall, Manager, and Naveen Judah, Chair, came to the meeting to talk about Healthwatch Rotherham.

Melanie gave a presentation to the meeting, which included things like Healthwatch:



- will make sure that the views and experiences of people who use health and social care services are heard and taken seriously
- will help make some changes to services; help direct money, resources and services to where they are needed; improve access to services; as well as acknowledge the services that work well in Rotherham
- are part of the Health and Wellbeing Board, which makes decisions about what health and social care should be doing (priorities)
- works the Care Quality Commission (CQC), who look at the quality of services and inspect health and social care services
- reports to and works with Healthwatch England, who provide leadership, support and advice to the 152 Healthwatches like Rotherham, as well as telling the Government about things it finds out (issues)
- has the Independent Complaints Advocacy Service, which includes an advocate to work with people to help them



understand what their complaint is, the best way to make a complaint and where to go



- has lots of ways to collect views – including a shop / office, events, meeting groups, email, Facebook, Twitter, etc
- work to a work plan agreed by the Healthwatch Rotherham Board
- has different levels of members – such as “bronze” who receive a monthly newsletter, “silver” who join in some of the groups, “gold” who attend events, up to “platinum” which is director level



Contact information for Healthwatch Rotherham:

Email: info@healthwatchrotherham.org.uk
Telephone: 01709 717130
Address: 33 High Street, Rotherham

People at the meeting then asked some questions:



- ***How many staff work at Healthwatch Rotherham?*** Melanie told the meeting that there are 5 paid members of staff. All the Board members are volunteers. There are 4 volunteers.
- ***Will you consider changing the drop in session times so that more carers can get involved (10.30 am – 2.30 pm would be better)?*** Melanie said she wanted to have events on certain dates and times but would think about this suggestion.



Alison thanked Melanie for coming to the meeting and Melanie left.

3 Rotherham’s Joint Health and Social Care Self-Assessment Framework



John reminded people that at the last meeting we had looked through the Self-Assessment report. The deadline to get all the information in had been last week, however, there had been a problem with the online system and we have until 5.00 pm today to send in Rotherham’s report. This gives the Partnership Board time to go through the report in detail and comment or make some suggestions.

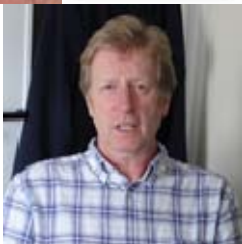
The Partnership Board spent a long time going through the Self-Assessment in detail and made comments / suggestions.



- Action:**
- 3a The Partnership Board agreed to sign off the Self-Assessment, with the suggested changes and information to be included as talked about at the meeting. John / Jo to action.

- 4 **People's Issues**
To be covered in agenda item 6.

- 5 **Carers' Issues**
Ann told the meeting about an issue which carers are raising around travel training. They are worried about why their sons / daughters are being chosen to do this and that if they don't they may lose their place at the day centre.



John explained that letters have gone out to people about the Travel Trainers coming out to talk to families about the training. John reassured the meeting that carers will be involved in the assessment process and that there will be risk assessments and lots of work undertaken and support given to make sure the training is done properly.

Some people will think this is really good but some carers will be worried. It is about finding people whose life can be made better by being able to travel on their own and working with them to develop more skills.

- 6 **National and Regional Forum Feedback**
Alison gave a presentation to the meeting which included information about:

A Regional Forum held on 26th November 2013 which talked about benefits, advocacy and keeping safe.

The National Forum held on 3rd and 4th November 2013 which talked about what was happening in each region. The main points the regions are worried about are benefit information, advocacy services shutting down, hate crime and more training for bus drivers. There was also a question and answer with VoiceAbility about the Forum – things talked about included the



new budget and how to spend the money, how many meetings to have a year and about how the meetings are run.

Sally said that Healthwatch Rotherham are coming to a People's Parliament and feedback will be given to the Partnership Board in January 2014.



7 **Notes of the Last Meeting – 25th October 2013**

John went through the notes of the last meeting to remind people what had happened. Everyone said that the notes from the meeting were okay.

Matters Arising:

7a Carers' Issues – Meetings with Heather Mallan – Ann said that the meeting due this week has been cancelled. Heather has rung round to see if there are any important issues. There will be one last meeting with Heather in January 2014 before Janine returns from maternity leave. Both Councillor Russell and Ann said what a good job Heather has done and carers would like Heather to be in the service.



Action:

7a John agreed to feed this back to Heather.

7b Fair's Fayre and Carers' Rights Day – These events were not very well attended. This may be because the events were not advertised very well and there are parking issues at the Magna. It was also felt that Fair's Fayre needs to look again at the aims of the day.



Action:

7b Councillor Russell agreed to provide feedback on these issues.

7c Update on Care Quality Commission (CQC) Inspections of RDaSH – Sandra told the meeting we are still waiting for the report on the big Trust-wide inspection. This should come in the next couple of weeks.



Sandra said that the CQC inspected our inpatient unit at Rhymers Court this week. We think everything is OK and there will be a report, hopefully, before Christmas.



Action:
7c Sandra agreed to bring feedback from the CQC inspections to the Partnership Board.

7d Let's Talk Event 2014 – It was agreed to include this as an item on January's agenda to start to think about what we want to do.



Action:
7d Jo to action.

8 Any Other Business
None.

9a Meetings 2014

Details of the Partnership Board meetings for next year were sent out with the agenda papers:



Day:	Friday	
Time:	Informal Meeting	09.30 am
	Formal Meeting	10.00 am
Venue:	Large Meeting Room, 220 Badsley Moor Lane	
Dates:	17 th January	
	7 th March	
	11 th April	
	16 th May	
	27 th June	
	12 th September	
	24 th October	
	5 th December	

Note: There is a break in August for holidays.

9b Date and Time of Next Meeting



Friday 17th January 2014
@ 10.00 am



Councillor Russell closed the meeting, thanked people for coming and wished everyone a Happy Christmas and New Year.

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