

## Redbridge Learning Disability Partnership Board

### Tuesday 5th March 2024 Meeting Minutes

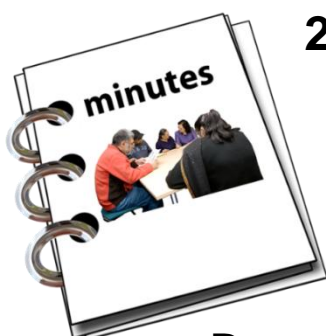
	Charles Sheth	Carer Rep
	Russell Learner	Uniting Friends
	Patrick Daintith	Co-Chair Service User
	Ross Weinberg	Service user Woodbine action group
	David Evans	Head of Delivery - People
	Teresa McHale	Parent Carer
	Chris Merritt	Redbridge Forum
	Olivia Morgan	Redbridge Forum
	Margaret Todd	Parent Carer
	Paul Allen	Vibrance
	Mary Jane Hickey	Redbridge CLDT NELFT

	Abbas Mirza	LBR
	Rani Raja	Redbridge Carers Support Service
	Ndai Nyamaza.....	LBR
	Daniel Ruscoe	Catholic Fellowship Disability Network
	Nicole Poidevin	CLDT NELFT

<b>Apologies</b>	
Alan Norris	Chair - Carer rep
Toby Morrison	Voiceability
Beauty Nyoni	LD Nurse
Kiran Kaur	Observer
Daniela Bhurut	
Alan Norris	Chair
Sam Levene	One Place Voice
Cynthia Bowling	Observer
Carol Gardner	OPE
Anne Sachs	Councillor
Carol Gardner	One Place East

## 1. Welcome, apologies and introductions led by Patrick Daintith.

Patrick welcomed everyone to the meeting and people introduced themselves.



## 2. Minutes and matters arising

Minutes from the last meeting were agreed.

Beauty has asked to be part of the planning for the festival; Olivia will pass her email to Russell so that she is invited.

Ros asked that Multi-Me is kept on the agenda to keep people updated on if it is to end. David is looking at funding possibilities and will keep us informed.



David is still waiting for the report on the community Grocer Store from One place east.

David has spoken to the Integrated Care Board regarding the issues with appointments; they will come back to him.

There was a query about how many provider reps there should be on the board.



There are currently 3. It was thought that the Terms of Reference is due for an update, looking at the work of the board and how we relate and work with others. **Chris will send out a copy of the Terms of Reference with the next round of paperwork.**



Russell commented that the old provider forum used to be well attended and in interested to organize a new provider forum.

The closure of Broadmead Road is still causing difficulties. There are no diversion signs; there is some information on the council website. Funding seems to be holding things up. The council has written to the



Department of Transport asking for assistance, but have not had any reply as yet.

### 3. Service User Issues



Ros told us that she would like Service Users to have more input into the planning of the Festival. She felt they should be part of the planning group. Russell advised that a service user meeting was held last year, but the attendance was not great. Russell told us that the planning group are still looking for funding for the event to go ahead. Once that has been confirmed there will be sub groups to see what everyone wants.

The theme for this year is “Local Heroes”. Famous Redbridge People are being identified.

### Carer Issues



Charles has had problems booking respite care at Green Lodge, there is a problem getting the funding agreed and therefore it has been too late to arrange staff for the respite he wanted to book. He is

concerned about what is causing the hold up?

His issue is being dealt with as a complaint and he will receive a formal response.

Are other carers having the same issues with the process? Charles feels that parents received a much better service with the old system. The system has changed to be more cost effective but this should not impact the service.

We were told carers assessments are taking a long time, also financial assessments and direct payments. People want to know more about what Respite is available and how many days they can have.

The Occupational Therapy forms are too long and ask for too much information.



**the invite too.**

There has been a second carers meeting held at Link Place, but not many people attended. Alison, Charles and Alan have tried to reach new carers. **Alison will circulate the next invite to other providers and Chris will share**



## Provider Issues



Paul from Vibrance told us that the money issues for Providers are not getting any easier. Many Local Authorities are on the bankruptcy list (not Redbridge). Vibrance have joined Learning Disability England.

Argyle Road respite has now closed as people were not using it enough after Covid. There were 5 families who were actively using, or wishing to use, Argyle Road and they have all now been picked up by Green Lodge.



The Care Quality Commission has brought in a new form of monitoring which is more user led. It is quite intense with 4 inspections.

Russell from Uniting Friends explained they have adapted the service to meet the demands of new contract but are having some difficulty.



They have about 16 service users employed externally and have partnerships with businesses, but the 'Benefits' system is not helpful, a person can only work for 4 hours without having problems with their benefits. Alison suggested Russell speak to "Work Redbridge".

#### **4. EXTERNAL DAY SERVICES Ndai Nyamazazare**



Ndai had an update on external day opportunities the information has been gathered by speaking to people and by on-line surveys. Providers and carers gave a good response. Ndai drew attention to the figures from the latest census.

*The Census is a survey done every 10 years; It collects information on all people which will be used by the government and organisations to help make decisions about people's lives.*

Redbridge is one of the most deprived Boroughs in London. There are 11% more people living in Redbridge, which is almost twice the national average. *People are said to be deprived when they do not have the things they need to live a good life.* Along with this there is





expected to be a large growth in the number of people with learning disabilities over the next few years.

There is a gap now between adults and children's services with no transition team, although, the Children with Disabilities Team do support with transition.

## 5. RESPONSE TO DISABILITY MATTERS REPORT



Sanjiv Luckhea was unable to attend this meeting. The Report was done by One Place East and looked at the Health and social Care teams and the experience of people with a learning disability trying to access the service.

As a result, Seven Kings has new signage, Cranbrook and Loxford are moving to the Exchange in

Central Ilford and Fairlop and Woodford and Wanstead are still being worked on. We will continue to update on this work.

## 6. ENGAGEMENT AND CO-PRODUCTION

Abbas Mirza is the new Engagement Manager. He is meeting with all groups to find out how the borough can engage better with everyone. Suggestions were “easy read and jargon free”.

Ros requested that Abbas comes to the Day Centre which he will do. He wants to get everyone involved at all stages of improvements.

### **Any other business;**

Teresa reported that the GP Annual Review has greatly improved.

The Groovy Cat Club, a nightclub run by people with learning disabilities for people with learning disabilities will return on April 4<sup>th</sup>.

The My Life web site is now [Support and Help for Adults](https://adultcare.redbridge.gov.uk/). It has been redesigned to make it more user friendly. **David will send round a link to this (<https://adultcare.redbridge.gov.uk/>)**. Ros and team have been working on this and are now recommended for an award.

The Team who has put on previous years Disability Festivals is also in the running for another award. More information will be posted.

Next meeting date – 4th June 2024

Future dates - 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024

3<sup>rd</sup> December 2024

4<sup>th</sup> March 2025