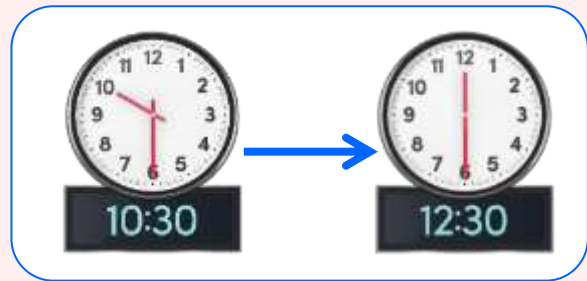




South West Surrey Local Valuing People Group Minutes



Amanda Aldridge chaired the meeting.



The meeting was at
Surrey Community
Action Astolat and
Microsoft Teams.



At the meeting:



- Acute and Primary Care Liaison Nurse
- Feedback from Learning Disability Partnership Board
- Safe Places
- Review of this meeting



Welcome and Introductions



Amanda welcomed everyone to the meeting. 5 people joined in person and 4 online.



Our co-chairs Tom and Sue gave apologies for the meeting.



We had introductions from San Soucie Homecare, Parity for Disability and Surrey and Borders Partnership.



Acute and Primary Liaison Nurse



Gemma covers the Acute and Primary Care Liaison Care.



They are team of Learning Disability Nurses and Nurse Associates in Surrey.



Gemma spoke about her team. GP practices all have a register for people with learning disability.



Lot of people are missing from this register. If you are not on it, you can miss out on important health checks.



It is important to register and keep the information on there up to date.



They review who should be removed and who should be added to the register.



They also offer support for GP Practices on Annual Health Check for people with learning disabilities.



They have found some GP's doing a quick phone call for the annual health check which they are flagging.



They make sure the correct training is provided to GP Practices on how they should be doing Annual Health Checks.



They also give GP advice on reasonable adjustments.



GPs are not always aware what they should and should not be providing.



They have been working on easy read for GP Practice's.



Supporting with signposting people with learning disabilities to the right services.



Supporting GP's Practices to carry out annual health checks correctly.



Promoting better access to NHS screening programmes for people with learning disabilities.



They help to provide training for GP Practices on spotting sepsis, bowel management and NHS screening programmes.



A guide to [annual health checks for people with learning disabilities video](#) was shared with the group.



Cassidy spoke about the Acute Liaison Service for adults with a learning disabilities who work with people in hospitals.



They help to identify patients with a learning disabilities and ensure this is recorded in their digital record.



They help with reasonable adjustments for people.



They provide guidance on the mental capacity act.



They are involved a lot in discharge planning (planning for people to leave hospital).





They make sure people with learning disabilities have a Hospital Care Passport and ensure that it is updated and shared with hospital staff.



They provide training for hospital staff around the needs of people with learning disabilities.



If they are out of office, they try and signpost to other people who can help in the hospital.



A video was shared about reasonable adjustments called [Mencap, Treat me well: Asking for reasonable adjustments.](#)

Discussions



Amanda asked if there is a register for autistic people. Autistic people also have difficulty getting good healthcare.



Gemma said there is a learning disability register, and this may happen with autistic people.



Amanda asked about whether they can raise signage as it needs to be improved.



Gemma said they did. Natasha said Surrey Choices came in and spoke about their signage at New Park Hospital.



They said a lot of work needed done to improve hospital signage.



Natasha said it is sometimes takes time to fix this but this has been raised in the board meetings.



Amanda asked whether they have seen any impact from the Oliver McGowan Training.



Gemma said they have. They were not directly involved with the Oliver McGowan training.



The problems they have had is that GP practices have questioned the liaison nurse training programme. They are asking why they need to do it when they have done the Oliver McGowan training.



Their training programme is very different and more focused on the mental capacity act and annual health checks.



Gemma said in there is a shortage of learning disability nurses. This has made things difficult for them.

Feedback from the Learning Disability Partnership Board



Here is a summary of what was discussed at the Learning Disability Partnership Board in December



Mikael Wall and Helen Tindal from the TECH team spoke to us about Surrey's TECH strategy.



They spoke about technology and showed us how Tech can support with people's care needs at home. This is not removing social care support but working alongside it.



They recently held a TECH event.





Marnie spoke about everyday living opportunities. She spoke about how they can provide supported employment, vocational activities and independent travel through Surrey Council.



They hope to get a better offer for people with learning disabilities to help them to do the things they want to do.



The minutes will be on the website very soon.

Safe Places



Amanda and Carinder attended a Learning Disability England Webinar online.



At the meeting, there was a discussion about Community Employment. People spoke about how they did not feel safe in their community.



Hate Crime Prevention at Future Directions CIP

Amanda shared a future directions SPICE (Supporting People into Community Employment) video about Hate Crime Awareness.



The people in the video, got money from the local council to set up their own Safe Place scheme.

It is a National scheme where if you felt unsafe, you can go to shop, office, café or public building such a library or leisure centre for help or somewhere you feel safe.





In Surrey, there is a Safe Places scheme in Guildford.



Organisations can apply to start their own scheme in an area.



To run a scheme, you need funding to be part of the scheme website and app.



Some places get people with learning disabilities and autism to get involved with it. It is a great employment opportunity for people too.



The all-age autism strategy worked with Guildford safe place scheme to improve their autism awareness.





Amanda felt it was important to raise awareness for this scheme.



One of the providers in the Northwest area wants to add this service in that area.



There is discussions about introducing a Safe Place through the Safer Redhill project. Discussions are happening in January.



Amanda said it would be great if more places had the safe places scheme.



It is not just for people with learning disabilities, but all vulnerable people.



Amanda asked people to share information about the Safe Place scheme in Guildford as they may find it helpful when they are out in the town.

Review of this meeting



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Amanda gave a general overview of the valuing people group meetings.

These meetings started in the early 2000's. They used to be vibrant and lots of people came.



Since the covid pandemic in 2020, we had a drop in people with learning disabilities attending these meetings.



We agreed we would try and do a year of hybrid meetings. This year Sue has been our co-chair.



We are sharing a lot of the same material for the meetings.



We have more people coming to Surrey People's Group.



This year, we have started doing events in the West. In the Summer, we had a big event in Woodhatch Place for learning disability week.



Next year's summer event will be about Managing My Health



There are other ways people with learning disabilities have been getting involved.



Training Room

We have someone who has joined the bus meetings, Debbie helped with web training, Leanne did work on signage at Donyings Leisure.



The co-production work has been more impactful in the community.



We are now going stop the Valuing People Group. We will have more meetings for Surrey People's Group.



We will still be signposting more information out on our Latest News.

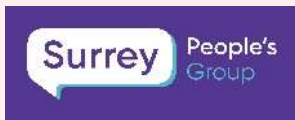


We want to thank Tom and Sue for being great co-chairs.





Tony thanked Amanda for the great work done with the Southwest Valuing People Groups. This has been a big step in connecting people.



Our next Surrey People Group in the West is taking place on 7 February.



This meeting will be about the NHS 10-year plan. More information will be out soon.



Visit our website for more information about [Surrey People's Group](#).



If anyone would like to join the Surrey People Group meetings, please email disabilitycomms@surreycc.gov.uk