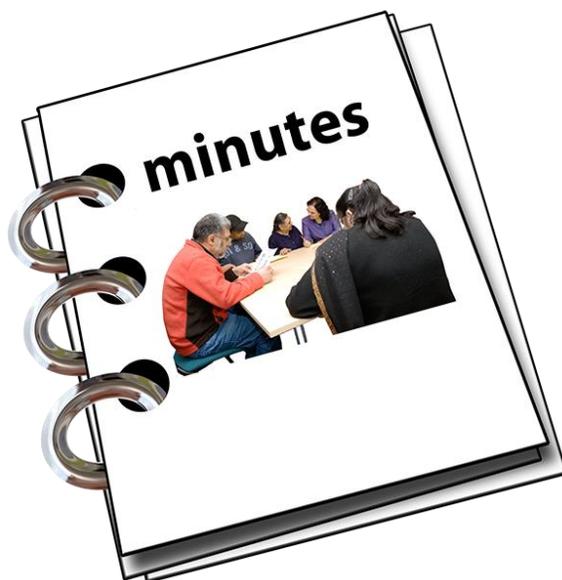


# **Autism Partnership Board Meeting**



**12 December 2024**

**at the Moresk Centre in Truro  
and on Microsoft Teams**

# Who was there

Name	About Them
Cllr. Sally Weedon	Chair of the meeting
Karl Smith	Healthwatch Cornwall
Jamie Thompson	Healthwatch Cornwall
Karen Hooper	Cornwall Council
Vicki Allan	Cornwall Council
David Alkins	Cornwall Council
Samantha Mokkaram	The Advocacy People
Marie Ralph	Founder / Director of Autistic Community of Cornwall
Steve Hillman	Healthy Cornwall
Paul Owen	CHAMPS
Ryan Sturgess	Lived Experience
Lorraine Corrigan Turner	MENCAP
Sergeant Flo Linscott	Devon & Cornwall Police
Heather Davison	DIVAS
Dina Holder	DIVAs
Christopher Burns	Self Advocate
Wayne Williams	Mid Cornwall Hub

# Who couldn't make it

Name	About Them
Gemma Dyson	Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust

## What we talked about



Everyone agreed that the minutes of the meeting held in September were correct

## Update from the DIVAS



The DIVAS and the Women's Centre Cornwall had attended an online webinar (an online talk) with the Highbury Trust.



Plymouth  
Highbury Trust

The Highbury Trust work with people with learning disabilities in Plymouth.



The DIVAS had also had 2 peer support groups, with one more left to do in 2025.

# Healthy Cornwall Update – Safe Places and Safe Places ID Cards



**Steve Hillman** gave an update on Safe Places and Safe Places ID Cards.

Zoe Webb is now the new **coordinator** of the Safe Places scheme.



**Community Officers** will be trained to help someone in need of support.

They will also **help you find a Safe Place**



A **mobile app** will show you where the nearest Safe Place is.

The group suggested that librarians and other workers should be trained to know how to support someone in need

There is a **new Safe Places card** that has the same picture as the stickers you see in windows.

**I need help**

My name

Please call

I have a learning disability

I am autistic

I am neurodiverse

On the back there are **3 boxes**.

You **tick the ones that are about you**.

1. I have a learning disability
2. I am autistic.
3. I am neurodiverse

# Healthy Cornwall Update – Safe Places and Safe Places ID Cards



The group thought that cards may be too small to say everything about them.

Healthy Cornwall had thought of using a **bracelet that can be scanned.**

This would contain more about the person wearing the bracelet

## An Autism Strategy for Cornwall



**Vicki Allan from Cornwall Council** spoke about the **Autism Strategy for Cornwall.**

The strategy was made by people with **lived experience** as well as **professionals**

The strategy is almost finished.



An **easy read version of the strategy** will be **attached to these minutes**

# An Autism Strategy for Cornwall

The **Autism Strategy for Cornwall** focuses on **7 key priorities**



Each **Autism Partnership Board meeting** will be **themed** around one of those **7 priorities**

# An Autism Strategy for Cornwall

## How will the strategy be delivered?



**Champions** will focus on each priority to help make sure commitments are met.



**Cornwall Council** will lead actions that fit with the autism strategy and other plans.



**External partners** will lead actions that match their own organisation's goals.



**Healthwatch Cornwall** will help carry out the plan and make sure everyone stays on track.

They will also check the progress and share updates at the Autism Partnership Board meetings

# Partnership Board Workplan



The board discussed what the next meeting should be about.

Because of the Safe Places update, the board agreed that '**Keeping Safe**' would be a **good theme**.



**The DIVAS** said that 'Keeping Safe' also means in relationships.

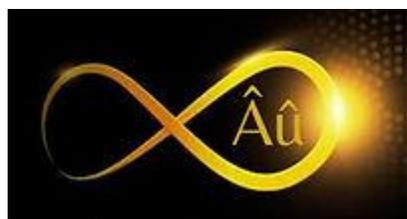
They offered to speak at the next meeting.

## Any other business?



**Karl Smith** from Healthwatch Cornwall told the board that they would be deciding a **co chair** for the partnership board soon.

This will be someone with lived experience



**Marie Ralph** from the Autistic Community of Cornwall spoke about what they do.

They do **peer to peer** work and **advocacy**.