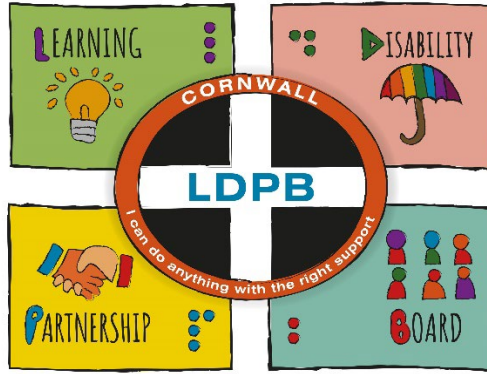



# Learning Disability Partnership Board



(Microsoft Teams link: [Click here to join the meeting](#))

	<p><b>Meeting Date:</b></p> <p>Thursday 28 November 2024</p>
	<p><b>Venue:</b></p> <p>Truro Community Library Top Floor Meeting Room Union Place Truro TR1 1EP</p>
	<p><b>Welcome and refreshments</b></p> <p>1:30 pm</p>



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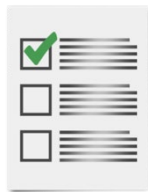
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**Welcome, introductions and apologies**

Chair

(2:00-2:10)



**Minutes and actions from the last meeting.**

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Standard version – Page 16

(2:10-2:15)



**Updates from members**

(2:15-2:30)



**Working together - a Learning Disability Strategy for Cornwall**

Vicki Allan, Cornwall Council

(2:30-2:55)



**Break**

(2:55-3:05)



**Agreeing a Charter and Mission Statement**

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**Draft Work Plan and the 7 Keys to Citizenship**

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**Any Other Business**

(3:55-4:00)



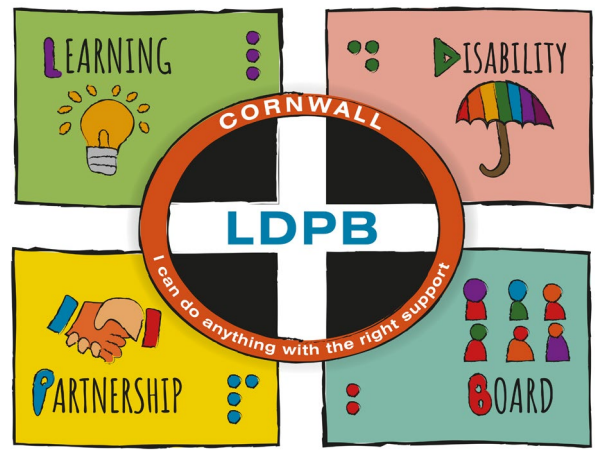
**End of the meeting**

## **Meeting Guidance – Keeping Members Safe**

- Everyone has the right to meet in a safe atmosphere.
- All voices have the right to be heard.
- Work in partnership with each other. Listen and respect each other's views.
- Do not single out individual Members. You may disagree with them but do not make personal attacks.
- Do not interrupt. Be guided by the Chair.
- Never share private information about anyone. It is against the law for a professional to share a patient's medical history.
- If a member chooses to share private information about themselves, this must not be shared to other people outside of the meeting.

Healthwatch Cornwall operate a Zero Tolerance policy on Bullying and Harassment.

This applies to both face to face and online meetings.



# Learning Disability Partnership Board Meeting



**5 September 2024**

**at The Moresk Centre, Truro  
and on Microsoft Teams**

# Who was there

Name	About them
Sandra Ward (stand-in Chair)	Parent carer, Director of Parent Carers Cornwall and Chair of Carers Partnership Board
Robert O’Leary	Healthwatch Cornwall
Alex Seaman	Brandon Trust
Amanda Wilton	Patient Council Derriford UHP
Anthony Dunn	Citizen Checkers
Bethany	
Charlotte Polglase	Citizen Checkers
Chris Ballett	Mencap
David Burns	Citizen Checkers and Healthwatch Cornwall
Debbie Gilbert	Healthwatch Cornwall
Dina Holder	The Women’s Centre Cornwall
Ebony Rose Thomas	Citizen Checkers
Francesca	The CHAMPS
Gary Dymott	Community Connector (Bude)
Heather Davison	DIVAS
Janet Jervis	Parent Carer and supporting Antony Dunn
Jenna Pulley	Cornwall Partners in Policymaking
Julia Wildfire-Roberts	Shine Together, Pentreath

Name	About them
Julie Pape	The CHAMPs / Healthy Cornwall
Karen Gregory	Mid-Cornwall Hub
Karl Potts	Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
Kate Spenceley	Citizen Checkers
Laura Keeper	Blantyre Day Services & Cornwall People First
Lewis Henry	Brandon Trust
Lizzie Dennison	Cornwall Council
Luanne	Personal Assistant for David Burns
Mary Fuller	DIVAS
Rachel Mellor	Brandon Trust
Rosi Van Dam	Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
Ryan Sturgess	Lived experience
Samantha Mokarram	The Advocacy People
Sharon C	Cornwall Council
Shelagh Mitchell	Healthy Cornwall
Steve Dymond	Healthwatch Cornwall
Vicki Allan	Cornwall Council
Wayne Williams	Mid-Cornwall Hub

# Who could not make it

Name	About them
Alison Short	The Advocacy People
Christopher Jordan	Cornwall People First
Sgt Flo Linscott	Devon and Cornwall Police
Jane Rees	Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust
Jo Cope	Jobcentre Plus
Jo Pike	Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
Karen Hooper	Cornwall Council
Marie Martin	Self-advocate
Marie Lobb	Parent Carer
Neil Carpenter	Cornwall People First
Paula Volkner	NHS Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Integrated Care Board
Professor Rohit Shankar	Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
Sam Maddern	Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
Sam Mokkoram	The Advocacy People
Dr Victoria Parnell	Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
Zoe Rawlence	Specialist Parenting Service
Alison Short	The Advocacy People
Christopher Jordan	Cornwall People First
Sgt Flo Linscott	Devon and Cornwall Police



# What we talked about



Everybody agreed that the notes of the last meeting were correct.

## Agreeing a Charter and Mission Statement

The last meeting was at St Erme Community Centre.

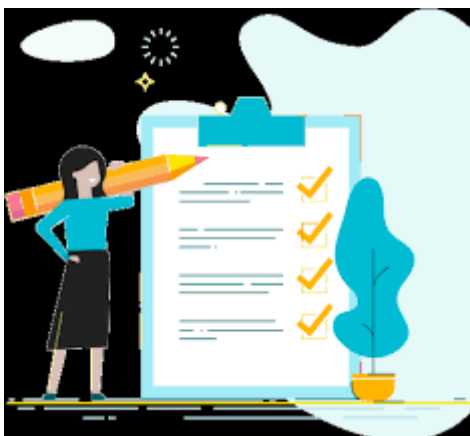
The Citizen Checkers asked what matters the most to you.

People said

1. Being listened to.
2. Respect.
3. Purpose – the Board is led by people with learning disabilities.
4. Achievement.
5. Sharing knowledge.
6. Kindness.
7. Trust.
8. Inclusion – everyone is welcome.
9. Collaboration – we work together.
10. Action – we make a difference.

The Partnership Board will be led by what you want.

Easy read will be presented at the next meeting.





**Citizen Checkers** and **Cornwall Partners in Policymaking** took part in the **Proud to Care Awards 2024**.

The team chose their favourites and David and Antony presented an award.

**Citizen Checkers** have also made a short film.

It is all about co-production.

That means helping **Cornwall Council** to work with people to make sure services are right for them.

The Board watched the film.

[Click here](#) to see it.

Antony Dunn said that everyone was very proud of the film.

**Mencap** is running a new forum in the St Austell and Clay Country area.

It wants to help people with a learning disability to move more and have fun.

The first forum will be on 25 September.



**Cornwall Council** is working to improve support to autistic people in Cornwall.



**Citizen Checkers** are holding sessions to let people talk about:

- understanding and acceptance
- improving support
- reducing inequalities
- employment and education
- independent living
- keeping safe.

[Click here](#) to find out more.

It will all help to produce an **Autism Strategy for Cornwall**.



**Cornwall Council** and the **Integrated Care Board** were working together on a **Learning Disability Strategy for Cornwall**.

But what gets included is down to you. The people with lived experience of learning disabilities.

We will talk about it at our November meeting.



**The Diva's** are giving Healthy Relationships training to organisations in Cornwall.

They are also going to start up **Cuppa and Chat groups**.

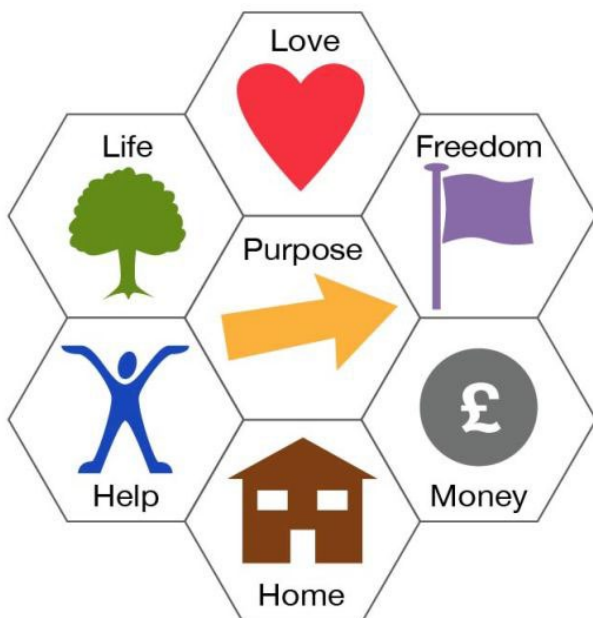
These are for women with learning disabilities and neurodivergent women who have been through domestic abuse.

They also provide individual support to women who have experienced Domestic Abuse and or Sexual violence.



Email [Penni Charteress](mailto:penni@womenscentre.org.uk) or call her on 07958 611948 for more information.

## What does freedom mean to you?



At the last meeting we talked about the **7 Keys to Citizenship**.

We agreed that the theme of this meeting would be **freedom**.

Sandra Ward asked everyone – what does freedom mean to you?

This is what people said freedom means to them:



- Having **private space**. Cornwall Housing can make it feel like your home is being invaded.
- Every human has a right to exist and to **be respected**.



- Society should **treat everyone properly**.
- Booking a **GP appointment** should be easy.



- **Public transport** was not available to everyone.
- That meant people could not get to **supermarkets**.
- That meant they could not get **healthy food**.



- People in some areas could not get a **personal assistant**.
- Having **control of your own money**.



- Coming together to **help each other**.
- Having the **right support** from the right people.
- **Equity** is more important than equality.



Equality



Equity

The Board would talk about these issues at the next meeting.

## Any Other business

A company called ICE Creates is working with Cornwall Council.

They want to know what people want and need from sexual health services.

They want you to complete a survey. You have until 22 September.

[Click here](#) to fill it in.

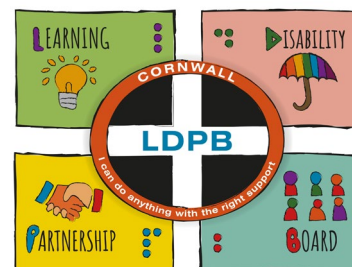
They also want community leaders to get in touch so they can hear the voices of people with lived experience.



# Next meeting:



**at Truro Library**

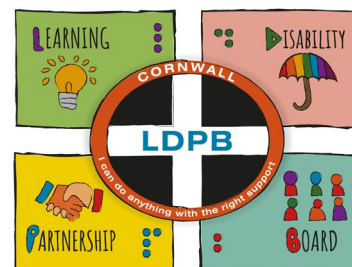


<b>MEETING NOTES:</b>	Meeting of the Learning Disability Partnership Board
<b>DATE:</b>	Thursday, 5 September 2024
<b>LOCATION:</b>	Moresk Centre, Truro and on Microsoft Teams

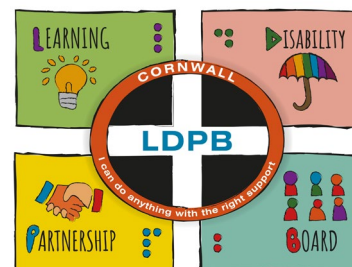
## ATTENDANCE

Name	Position	Organisation
Sandra Ward (SW) (stand-in Chair)	Parent carer of a young adult with profound and multiple intellectual disabilities, Director of Parent Carers Cornwall and Chair of Carers Partnership Board	
Robert O'Leary (RO)	Partnership Boards Lived Experience Project Officer	Healthwatch Cornwall
Alex Seaman (AS)	Self-Advocate	Brandon Trust
Amanda Wilton (AW)	Parent carer of a young adult with profound and multiple LD	Patient Council Derriford UHP
Anthony Dunn (A)	Peer Advocate and Lived Experience Lead	Citizen Checkers
Bethany (B)		
Charlotte Polglase (CP)	Co-Facilitator	Citizen Checkers
Chris Ballett (CB)	Community Partner, Our Active Community - St. Austell and Clay Country & Project Manager - All Move	Mencap
David Burns (DB)	Lived Experience self-advocate and Community Promoter	Citizen Checkers and Healthwatch Cornwall
Debbie Gilbert (DG)	Chief Executive	Healthwatch Cornwall
Dina Holder (DH)	Community Engagement Manager / Divas Facilitator	The Women's Centre Cornwall
Ebony Rose Thomas (ERT)	Self-Advocate	Citizen Checkers
Francesca (F)	Self-Advocate	The CHAMPS
Gary Dymott (GD)	Community Connector (Bude)	
Heather Davison (HD)	Lived experience and parent to an adult with learning disabilities	DIVAS
Janet Jervis (JJ)	Supporting Anthony Dunn & mother to two disabled adults sons with learning disabilities	





Name	Position	Organisation
Jenna Pulley (JP)		Cornwall Partners in Policymaking
Julia Wildfire-Roberts (JWR)	Manager, Shine Together	Pentreath
Julie Pape (JP)	Self-Advocate	The CHAMPS / Healthy Cornwall
Karen Gregory (KG)	Service Director	Mid-Cornwall Hub
Karl Potts (KP)	Assistant Psychologist, Specialist Parenting Service	Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
Kate Spenceley (KS)	Senior Manager	Citizen Checkers
Laura Keeper (LK)	Self-advocate, service user (BDS) and Trustee (CPF)	Blantyre Day Services & Cornwall People First
Lewis Henry (LH)	Self-advocate	Brandon Trust
Lizzie Dennison (LD)	Proper Job	Cornwall Council
Luanne (L)	Personal Assistant for DB	
Mary Fuller (MF)	Lived experience	DIVAS
Rachel Mellor (RM)		Brandon Trust
Rosi Van Dam (RVD)	Clinical Lead: Mental Health Liaison Practitioner	Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
Ryan Sturgess (RS)	Lived Experience	
Samantha Mokarram (SM)	Advocacy Coordinator	The Advocacy People
Sharon C	Team Leader, Adult Social Care	Cornwall Council
Shelagh Mitchell (SM)	Healthy Cornwall Team Lead - Health Inequalities and Champs Team Manager	Healthy Cornwall
Steve Dymond (SD)	Self-advocate and Community Promoter	Healthwatch Cornwall
Vicki Allan (VA)	Strategic Commissioning Lead for Learning Disability and Autism, Working Age Adults Services	Cornwall Council
Wayne Williams (WW)	Self-Advocate	Mid-Cornwall Hub

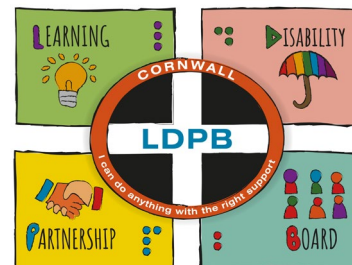


## APOLOGIES

Name	Position	Organisation
Christopher Jordan	Self-advocate and Volunteer book keeper (CPF) and Parish Councillor	Cornwall People First
Sgt Flo Linscott	Diverse Communities Team Lead (Cornwall)	Devon and Cornwall Police
Jane Rees	Manager Learning Disability and Autism Team	Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust
Jo Cope	Disability Employer Advisor	Jobcentre Plus
Jo Pike	Screening Liaison Nurse, Primary Care Liaison Team	Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
Karen Hooper	Head of Commissioning for Working Age Adults Services	Cornwall Council
Marie Martin	Self -advocate	
Marie Lobb	Parent Carer	
Neil Carpenter	Advocate	Cornwall People First
Paula Volkner	Transforming Care Project Coordinator	NHS Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Integrated Care Board
Professor Rohit Shankar	Clinical Director - Adult LD services	Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
Sam Maddern	Lead liaison and Screening Nurse, Community Adult Learning Disability Team	Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
Dr Victoria Parnell	Clinical Lead, Specialist Parenting Service	Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
Zoe Rawlence	Specialist Nurse	Specialist Parenting Service

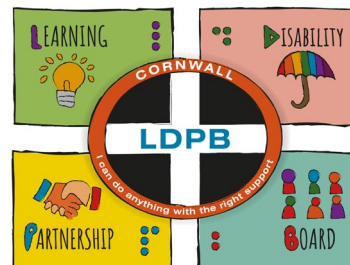
## ACTIONS AGREED AT MEETINGS

Action	Responsible	Status
Working together to design and shape a Learning Disability Strategy	VA	November 2024 agenda item.
Charter and Mission Statement – Convert to easy read	TBC	November 2024 agenda item.
Reconvene DWP working group.	PB Team	Not started.
Share details of Cornwall Council vacancies for people with learning disabilities.	KH / PB Team	Ongoing. To be shared with the Board as vacancies go live.

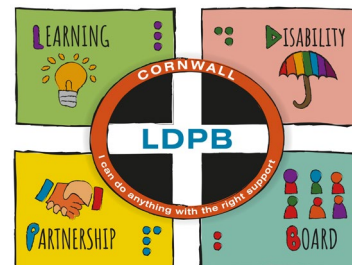


Action	Responsible	Status
Update on opening the Safe Places Scheme to neurodiverse individuals.	FL / SM	Updates as the work develops.
Updates on Accessibility Advisory Group for RCHT as appropriate.	MH	Updates will be shared as received.
LeDeR report updates.	SS	Updates will be shared as received.

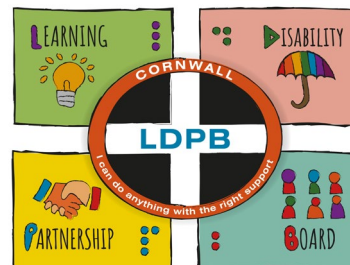
Item	What was discussed	Action
<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome, introductions and apologies</b>	
	<p>SW welcomed everyone and advised that the meeting was being recorded for minute taking purposes. Permission would be sought from individuals if it was to be shared beyond the meeting.</p> <p>SW ensured that everyone understood the meeting etiquette and how to contribute to the meeting if they had joined online.</p> <p>SW explained that she was standing in as Chair for the meeting as Jayne Kirkham had stood down as a Cornwall Councillor following her election to Parliament. It was expected that the Leader of Cornwall Council would nominate a new elected member of Council as Co-Chair of the Board soon.</p> <p>The Board expressed its thanks to Jayne for her years as Chair and wished her well for the future.</p> <p>SW invited everyone present to introduce themselves.</p> <p>Apologies were received, as detailed above.</p>	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Minutes of and actions from the meeting held on 28 May 2024</b>	
	<p>The notes of the previous meeting, which had kindly been produced by the Citizen Checkers, were confirmed as a true record.</p> <p>SW emphasised what a special event the last meeting had been, with full participation from all. Feedback received post-meeting had been very positive.</p> <p>There were no matters arising.</p>	



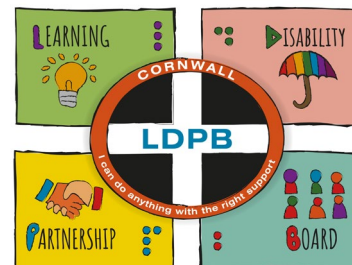
<p><b>3.</b></p>	<p><b>Agreeing a Charter and Mission Statement</b></p>	
	<p>At the last meeting of the Board, members had considered if the Board would benefit from the development of a charter and Mission Statement, developed by its members, to inform its future direction. It was agreed that it would.</p> <p>Through various activities led by the Citizen Checkers, as detailed within the notes of the meeting, members had put forward what mattered to them the most. From that, Citizen Checkers had created a draft Charter and Mission Statement</p> <p>KS began to present the drafts, as circulated with agenda, apologising that they were not in easy read format but emphasising that they were not the final version.</p> <p>DH expressed concern that some members of the Board would not be able to fully understand the content or what was being asked of them.</p> <p>It was agreed that KS discuss each element in detail with the people in the room. There was only one lived experience member online, DB, who had participated in the production of the documents.</p> <p>JP emphasised that the information had been circulated in advance of the meeting to afford people time to consider it. She felt that there had been confusion in communication with Healthwatch Cornwall as she had not anticipated it being presented in its current format, although it had only recently been shared with the Partnership Boards team.</p> <p>Further concerns were expressed by HD and AD that some members may not be able to fully participate in consideration of the matter due to it not being in easy read format. AD asked people in the room if they understood what KS had started to present.</p> <p>RS said that whilst he understood some of what had been said, there was a lot that he had not. He said that too much information</p>	



<p>could become jumbled for him, so how it was presented was very important. AD felt that he was speaking for all people with learning disabilities in Cornwall when saying that information needed to be in easy read.</p> <p>DB emphasised that everyone’s opinion was of equal value. There was no hierarchy of opinions.</p> <p>WW stressed the importance of recognising the issues faced by everyone. He added that the documents did need to be easy to understand.</p> <p>The Chair proposed that the Charter and Mission Statement be converted to easy read for consideration at the next meeting. The Board agreed.</p> <p>JP stated that she had undertaken the work as a favour to the Board and now felt uncomfortable about its current position. RO said that he understood and agreed with peoples concerns about the draft not being in easy read but there were significant time and cost implications to producing multiple versions. He added that the content consisted solely of the views and information put forward by Board members with lived experience at the last meeting. JP conceded that they should have considered the need to circulate the drafts more immediately following the last meeting while the conversations were fresh in peoples minds.</p> <p>HD reiterated the need for accessible documents. DH encouraged members not to lay blame on individuals and proposed that working groups be set up at the end of each meeting, with members and who will be chairing agreed. The group could then determine and allocate responsibility for each individual task. She added that it would not have to be Healthwatch Cornwall that does everything.</p> <p>Via the chat function, VA proposed an amendment to the previously agreed action, suggesting that the Charter and Mission Statement be converted to easy read and circulated to the Board for comment ahead of the next meeting, where the final versions could be agreed. DH added that it was important that members had enough time to digest the content ahead of the meeting.</p>	<p>Action</p>
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<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p><b>Updates from members</b></p>	
	<p><b>Proud to Care Awards</b></p> <p>AD reported that Cornwall Council had asked Citizen Checkers and Cornwall Partners in Policymaking to participate in the Proud to Care Awards 2024.</p> <p>The team had considered nominations for a number of categories and had chosen their favourites. The awards evening would be held on the evening of 20 September 2024 and the team would be presenting one of the awards.</p> <p><b>Co-production in Cornwall – Getting it right, together, for Cornwall Residents</b></p> <p>DB reported that the Citizen Checkers had made a short film about what co-production means to people. <a href="#">Click here</a> to view it.</p> <p>DH said that she had seen it and had circulated it across The Women’s Centre service. It was brilliantly put together and everyone that spoke on it was amazing. It was a great way to demonstrate to wider audiences how co-production should be undertaken.</p> <p>A change to the agenda was agreed to allow the film to be shown in the second half of the meeting.</p> <p><b>Mencap</b></p> <p>CB promoted the first Our Active Community St Austell and Clay Country Forum, to be held on 25 September at Studio 4, St Austell.</p> <p>For more information, a flyer and agenda are attached as Appendix 1.</p> <p>A number of people in the meeting expressed an interest in attending. In response to a question asking if neurodivergent individuals or people with other disabilities could attend, CB said</p>	



that while it was targeted towards people with learning disabilities, Mencap was an inclusive organisation and would

### **Autism Strategy Update**

VA gave a short presentation, attached as Appendix 2, detailing the Autism Strategy Governance Pathway. She apologised to the Board for the presentation not being in an accessible format and added that the draft Strategy, which the Board would receive, would not yet be in easy read either. Due to this, VA encouraged groups and support systems to work with people to understand its content and to help to formulate suggestions around it.

The Citizen Checkers were leading engagement sessions to improve support to autistic people in Cornwall. Members were encouraged to join the sessions to share their views and improve autistic lives in Cornwall.

KS added that there would be a session each in the East, the West and online. Details were currently being finalised and would be shared with the Partnership Boards at the earliest opportunity.

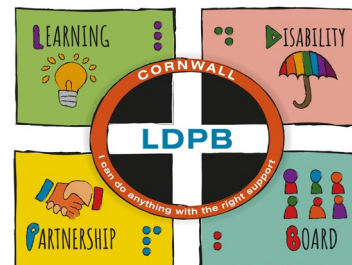
AW asked how sessions and the consultation would be publicised. KS said that the Partnership Boards team would circulate information and encourage partners to share it widely. There would also be a form of launch at the next Autism Partnership Board. VA added that it was hoped that they could be promoted through Chaos Radio and Cornwall Council would be circulating details to all of their providers that support autistic people and people with learning disabilities.

AD emphasised that all people with disabilities, regardless of what those disabilities are, should have their voices heard and be able to help to develop the services that they need.

WW said that it was important that everyone had the chance to have their say to help to make services better in the future.

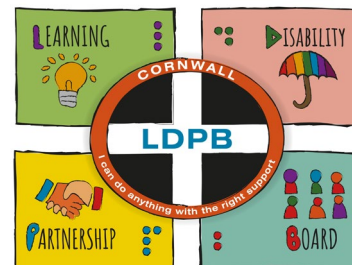
### **Learning Disability Strategy Update**

VA reported that Integrated Care Board (ICB) colleagues were

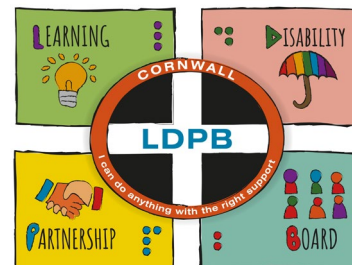


	<p>supposed to be leading on the LD Strategy but that had not happened yet. As a result, VA's team would be working with the ICB and she would like the next meeting of this Board to consider how we work together to design and shape a Learning Disability Strategy. The process could not start before Christmas as the team was focussed upon the Autism Strategy and other work so they did not have the capacity to start right now.</p> <p>VA stated that how the work was taken forward was not down to her, it was down to the people in the room, she was just the conduit</p> <p><b>The Women's Centre Cornwall / Diva's</b></p> <p>DH shared the following via the meeting chat function:</p> <p><i>The DIVAS are offering Healthy Relationships training to different organisations in Cornwall. Please contact <a href="mailto:penni.charteress@womenscentrecornwall.org.uk">penni.charteress@womenscentrecornwall.org.uk</a> for information or call Penni on 07958 611948 .</i></p> <p><i>Also we are going to start up Cuppa and Chat groups for any women with learning disabilities and/or neurodivergent women who have experienced domestic abuse. We are planning these groups at the moment and will send out information to the Learning Disability and Autism Partnership Boards very soon.</i></p> <p><i>And finally, we are delivering individual support to women with learning disabilities and/or neurodivergent women who have experienced Domestic Abuse and or Sexual violence. Please contact <a href="mailto:penni.charteress@womenscentrecornwall.org.uk">penni.charteress@womenscentrecornwall.org.uk</a> for information or call Penni on 07958 611948.</i></p>	<p>Action</p>
<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>Break</b></p>	
	<p>The Board had a 10 minute comfort break.</p>	





<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>Change to scheduled agenda - Co-production in Cornwall – Getting it right, together, for Cornwall Residents</b></p>	
	<p>As agreed earlier in the meeting, the Board watched a short film entitled Co-production in Cornwall – Getting it right, together, for Cornwall Residents, which had been co-produced by Rory from Citizen Checkers and Cornwall Council.</p> <p>Following the film, AD said that we were all proud of what we do in Cornwall to help other people out and we were all proud of the production.</p>	
<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>What does freedom mean to you?</b></p>	
	<p>As previously agreed by the Board, meetings would now be themed in line with the 7 Keys to Citizenship, with this meeting focussing upon ‘freedom’.</p> <p>RO</p> <p>SW opened the conversation with the question, what does freedom mean to you?</p> <p>SD said that he lived in a Cornwall Housing house. Whilst that provided him with the freedom to live independently, the organisation undertook regular 6 weekly checks on, for example, the cleanliness of the property but were often not interested when he highlighted necessary repairs. It could feel like his private space was being invaded and also that he was not listened to.</p> <p>DB had been in touch with the Partnership Boards team when information about the theme of the meeting was circulated. He reiterated what he had written then, that people had fought for many years to gain freedom but it had come at a cost. As humans, everyone had a right to exist and to be respected and society should treat everyone properly. That was fundamental to our existence.</p> <p>RO asked DB what aspects of the health and social care system he felt had an impact on his freedom. DB said the process for booking</p>	



GP appointments was a problem as the phonenumber was not user-friendly and then people were left waiting for call backs rather than being given specific times.

Also, not everyone had access to healthy foods. Isolation was a big issue in Cornwall and access to supermarkets was a part of that. Many people were unable to drive and a lack of access to or availability of public transport was a particular problem.

WW encouraged people around the table with lived experience to speak up and share their opinions. This Board was an opportunity to be heard.

KS said that many issues centred around choice.

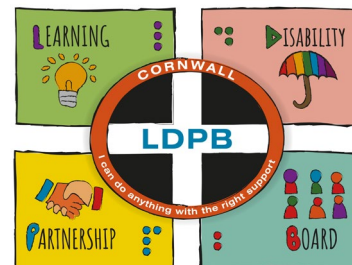
HD said that her son would like the freedom to access his community and to do that he required Personal Assistant support, which was not available, and public transport, which was not available in outlying villages. These issues were preventing him from gaining employment.

Members had a brief discussion about the availability of PA support in different areas of the county. KS suggested that was something that Cornwall Council could look into.

KS wondered if it would be feasible for Personal Budgets to be utilised for a form of joint transport.

RS stressed the importance of having the necessary support to help people to fight for the financial benefits that they are entitled to. He added that having control of your own money, rather than parents or carers managing it for you, gave you freedom. SW said that RS was correct to highlight how essential money was to ensuring an individual's freedom and some very important conversations would be had when the Board meeting with that theme came around.

DB said the most important thing was understanding the different ways in which money can be spent. He cited a personal example of having previously sourced a PA through an agency but now employing one privately, who he considered to be a 'Godsend'.



VA explained that Adult Social Care worked with people with eligible needs under the Care Act but transport was not considered to be an eligible care need. Benefits could be used to pay for their bills, food and getting around. The Council did not have a bottomless pit of money and it only received monies relating to the Care Act and to meet care needs.

VA supported DB's comments, stating that giving people a Direct Payment or a Personal Budget provided them with control and choice about the care and support they can purchase to meet the needs in their care and support plan in a personalised way. That equalled more freedom.

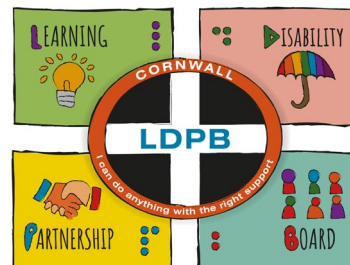
B felt that the Board would benefit from an in-depth session on the 7 Keys to Citizenship to ensure that all lived experience members fully understood the concepts, adding that Money being voted as the last of the themes to be considered demonstrated that not everyone did. SW, as a parent carer of a young adult with complex needs that could not communicate such matters, agreed.

B perceived the scheduling of the consideration of the seven themes to be a tiering of how important they were, as opposed to a practical matter. SW replied that it was never supposed to be a list of what was the most important, it was simply a matter of scheduling consideration of each. RO added that it was also an exercise in educating people on the concept of voting ahead of the General Election.

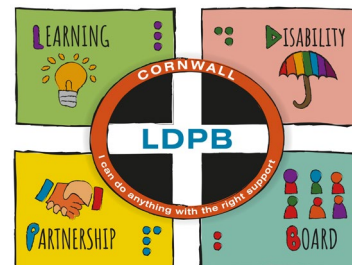
WW stressed the importance of people coming together to find ways to address the transport issues they face as transport provides freedom.

AW supported SW's comment around the support her daughter requires, saying that parent carers of non-verbal children are really the only people that can understand what makes them happy, through body language, facial expressions etc.

With regard to transport, AW said that Derriford were focussing on an equity standpoint. It was important to recognise each persons different circumstances and to ensure the allocation of the exact



	<p>resources and opportunities needed to reach an equal outcome.</p> <p>JWR agreed, adding that we all talk about equality and the Equality Act but equality was actually disabling for some people. Providing everyone with equal resources did not provide equity, which is what everyone should be aiming for. Being a Disability Aware or Disability Positive organisation because you have, for example, a wheelchair ramp, a hearing loop and accessible toilets, was great but in what way are you making things easier for autistic people or people with other physical disabilities. Equality can result in a thin veneer of compliance whereas, for example, easy read, was an example of equity. Both AW and JWR emphasised the need to be person-centred. JWR added that while it may sound like a huge piece of work it really wasn't if it was a way of working and central to your ethos as it became automatic.</p> <p>DH agreed with the views put forward by AW and JWF but expressed concern that some people in the meeting may not have understood some of the big words used. She said that Heather and Mary were undertaking work to address the issue for The Women's Centre. An example of positive change coming from this was the use of the word 'belonging'.</p> <p>RO linked what AW and DB had said. DB's example of the difficulty in obtaining a GP appointment highlighted a service taking an equality rather than an equity standpoint. Looking at systems overall, how people choices, freedoms and health are directly affected, is the type of systematic change that this Partnership Board can influence.</p>	
<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>A Workplan for the Partnership Board</b></p>	
	<p>Due to the meeting overrunning, this item was not considered.</p>	
<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>Any Other business</b></p>	
	<p>SW invited any other business.</p> <p>KS promoted an event to be held in Pool on 27 September 2024. It</p>	



was aimed at people in receipt of support or care or who cared for someone that is. The Checkers wanted to hear their views on how they think good change should happen.

RO shared details of work being carried out Danielle Carney of ICE Creates:

*Partnering with Cornwall Council, we want to learn more about people's wants and needs from sexual health services. It is important that the voices of all people living in Cornwall and Isles of Scilly are amplified, to ensure their voices are heard and considered in commissioning decisions.*

*We are sharing a survey which is planning to run until the 22nd of September. There is a possibility we may extend it, however the survey will definitely be live until at least this date.*

*The below email comms can also be shared with stakeholders/people in your networks:*

*We want to help Cornwall Council shape sexual and reproductive health services for everyone who lives in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly.*

*We need your help in two ways:*

*1. Share this survey across your network to the local people that you and your organisation support:*

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/sexualhealthice>

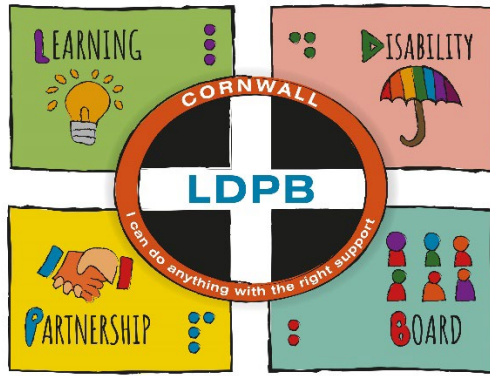
*2. Help us arrange conversations in your community.*

*WC 16<sup>th</sup> September, we are carrying out face-face groups in local communities. If you are a community leader, we would like to work with you to set up a group with local people in a trusted local venue. Can you help us arrange this and amplify their voices?*

*If you can help us, please contact*

[adam.courtney@icecreates.co.uk](mailto:adam.courtney@icecreates.co.uk)

The Chair closed the meeting and all members were thanked for their attendance.



## Learning Disability Partnership Board Charter

### Mission Statement



We welcome all.

The Board is a respectful and safe space.

Everyone is heard.

Everyone is treated fairly.


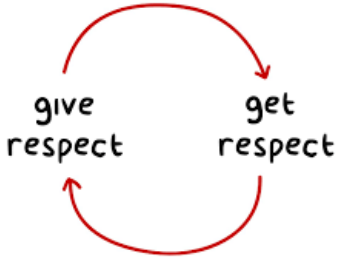


We work together.

We share our knowledge.

Everyone is supported to help to make positive change.

We are listened to when decisions that affect us are being made

## Core Values

	<p>Being Listened To.</p> <p>Every voice matters.</p> <p>Everyone can speak.</p>
	<p>We treat each other with respect.</p> <p>We all have valuable views and opinions.</p>
	<p>The Board members with lived experience are listened to.</p> <p>The work of the Board is guided by their needs and wants.</p>
	<p>We celebrate our successes.</p> <p>We support each other as a group and as individuals.</p>



We share our knowledge.

We learn from each other and that helps us to grow.



We are always kind to each other.



We are honest.

We are trustworthy.

We are reliable.

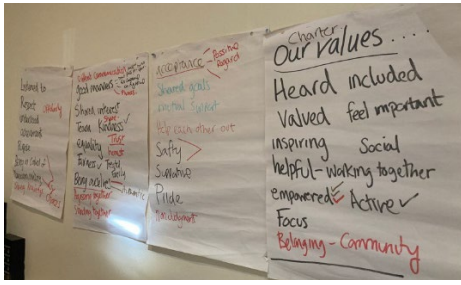


**Understand**

Everyone is welcome.

We want all members to take part and to help make decisions.





We work together to achieve our goals.

We share the same values.



We want to see action.

We want to see people have the best lives they can.

## Objectives



Advocacy

We will always support the rights and needs of people with learning disabilities.



Policy Influence

We will help to develop local and national policies for people with learning disabilities.



## Community Engagement

We want to connect with the community.

This will help people to understand and be inclusive.

## Commitment to Action



We, the members of the Learning Disability Partnership Board, commit to upholding the values outlined in this charter.



We will work together.

We will show kindness and respect.

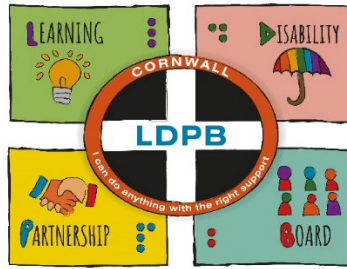
We will be an empowering community for everyone with learning disabilities.



We pledge to listen, learn, and act together to make a positive difference in our lives and the lives of others.

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## **Learning Disability Partnership Board Charter**

### **Mission Statement**

The Learning Disability Partnership Board fosters an inclusive, respectful environment for individuals with learning disabilities, their families/carers, and professionals.

We ensure everyone is heard, treated fairly, and supported to achieve positive change through collaboration and shared knowledge.

We influence policy-making in Cornwall, contributing to policies that meet the needs of individuals with learning disabilities.

Our commitment underscores our dedication to making a meaningful impact in our community and beyond.

### **Core Values**

1. **Being Listened To:** Every voice matters. We ensure all members have the opportunity to speak and to be heard.
2. **Respect:** We treat each other with dignity and honour, valuing each person's unique contributions.
3. **Purpose:** Our actions and decisions are guided by clear goals that align with the needs and aspirations of our members.
4. **Achievement:** We celebrate successes and support each other in reaching personal and collective goals.
5. **Sharing Knowledge:** We believe in the power of shared knowledge and experiences to foster learning and growth.

6. Kindness: We act with compassion and empathy towards one another.
7. Trust: We build and maintain trust through transparency, reliability, and integrity.
8. Inclusion: Everyone is welcome, and we actively work to include all members in our activities and decisions.
9. Collaboration: We support one another, united in our commitment to common goals and values.
10. Action: We are committed to taking action and making tangible progress in our endeavours.

## Objectives

**Advocacy:** Advocate for the rights and needs of individuals with learning disabilities within the community and beyond.

**Policy Influence:** Influence local and national policies to better support individuals with learning disabilities.

**Community Engagement:** Foster strong connections with the broader community to promote inclusion and understanding.

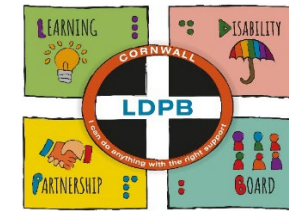
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We, the members of the Learning Disability Partnership Board, commit to upholding the values outlined in this charter.

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We pledge to listen, learn, and act together to make a positive difference in our lives and the lives of others.

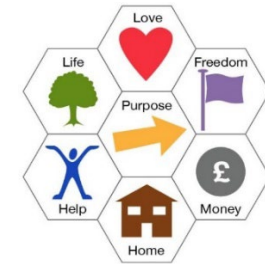
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## Learning Disability Partnership Board – Work Plan




The Learning Disability Partnership Board is proud that its work plan is led by its members with lived experience.

Each meeting is themed around one of the 7 Keys to Citizenship and is managed inline with the Board’s Mission Statement and Charter, incorporating the core values, objectives and the commitment to action put forward by those with lived experience.



Meeting Date	Meeting Theme	Thematic Topics and Additional Agenda Items	Lead Presenter(s)	Actions / Notes
February 2025	Freedom 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>x</li> </ul>		

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May 2025	<p data-bbox="622 325 680 357">Life</p> 	<ul data-bbox="882 331 949 357" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="882 331 949 357">• X</li> </ul>		
August 2025	<p data-bbox="613 692 689 724">Help</p> 	<ul data-bbox="882 699 949 724" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="882 699 949 724">• X</li> </ul>		
November 2025	<p data-bbox="600 970 703 1002">Home</p> 	<ul data-bbox="882 976 949 1002" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="882 976 949 1002">• X</li> </ul>		

Meeting Date	Meeting Theme	Thematic Topics and Additional Agenda Items	Lead Presenter(s)	Actions / Notes
February 2026	Love 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• X</li> </ul>		
May 2026	Money 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• X</li> </ul>		
August 2026	Purpose 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• X</li> </ul>		



<b>Agenda items to be scheduled / Updates to be received</b>		
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Lead(s)</b>	<b>Status</b>
Share details of Cornwall Council vacancies for people with learning disabilities	Karen Hooper, Cornwall Council	Details of vacancies will be shared with the Partnership Boards team as they go live.
Opening the Safe Places Scheme to neurodiverse individuals	Flo Linscott, D&C Police & Shelagh Mitchell, Healthy Cornwall & Champs	Updates will be shared as the work develops.
Accessibility Advisory Group for RCHT	TBC (previously Amy Findlater, Disability Cornwall)	Updates will be shared as and when received.
LeDeR report	Sara Sanders, NHS Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Integrated Care Board	Updates will be shared as and when received.

<b>Current and Ongoing Working Groups</b>		
<b>Group</b>	<b>Lead(s)</b>	<b>Current Position</b>
DWP working group	Partnership Boards team, Anna Clemens & Jo-Anne Cope, DWP	On hold due to DWP representative capacity.