

# Learning Disability Partnership Board Meeting



**20 February 2024**

**at Truro Community Library  
and on Microsoft Teams**

# Who was there

Name	About them
Mike Hooper (Chair)	Healthwatch Cornwall
Robert O'Leary	Healthwatch Cornwall
Alex Seaman	Self-advocate, Brandon Trust
Amanda Wilton	Patient Council Derriford UHP
Anthony Dunn	Self-advocate, Citizen Checkers
Charlotte Day	Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
Charlotte Polglase	Citizen Checkers
Chris Ballett	Mencap
Dina Holder	The Women's Centre Cornwall
Ebony Rose Thomas	Self-advocate, Citizen Checkers
Fliss Hedge	Cornwall People First
Francesca	Self-advocate, The CHAMPs
Imogen Groves	Self-advocate
Jenna Pulley	Cornwall Partners in Policymaking
Julie Pape	Self-advocate, The CHAMPs
Karen Gregory	Mid-Cornwall Hub
Karen Hooper	Cornwall Council
Karl Potts	Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
Kate Spenceley	Citizen Checkers

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Laura Keeper	Blantyre Day Services / Cornwall People First
Lewis Henry	Self-advocate, Brandon Trust
Lizzie Dennison	Cornwall Council
Lucy Lawler	Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
Marie Lobb	Self-advocate, Healthwatch Cornwall
Megan Julian	Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
Nadia Myers	NHS Integrated Care Board
Rachel Mellor	Brandon Trust
Rachel Pearce	Cornwall Council
Sam Burridge	Cornwall Council
Sam Edwards	Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
Sandra Ward	Parent Carers Cornwall
Steve Hillman	Healthy Cornwall
Vicki Allan	Cornwall Council
Wayne Williams	Self-advocate, Mid-Cornwall Hub

# Who could not make it

Name	About them
Councillor Jane Kirkham	Cornwall Council
Alison Short	The Advocacy People
Christopher Jordan	Self-advocate, Parish Councillor and book keeper, Cornwall People First
David Burns	Self-advocate, Citizen Checkers and Healthwatch Cornwall
Sgt Flo Linscott	Devon and Cornwall Police
Jane Rees	Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust
Jo Cope	Jobcentre Plus
Jo Pike	Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
Kevin Beveridge	Cornwall Council
Marie Martin	Self-advocate
Neil Carpenter	Advocate, Cornwall People First
Paula Volkner	NHS Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Integrated Care Board
Professor Rohit Shankar	Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
Rosi Van Dam	Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
Sam Maddern	Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
Sam Mokkoram	The Advocacy People
Steve Dymond	Self-advocate, Healthwatch Cornwall
Dr Victoria Parnell	Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
Zoe Rawlence	Specialist Parenting Service

# What we talked about



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

# Updates from members



Sandra Ward said that lots of parent carers were going to their coffee mornings.

A drop-in event will be held at the Eden Project on 7th March 2024.



There will be lots of information for parents, carers, adults with learning disabilities and/or autism and young people with Special Educational Needs (SEN).



It is Eating Disorder Awareness Week.

Sandra Ward told the Board about local work on ARFID – Avoidant/Restrictive Food Intake Disorder



There is a new group called the Local Policy Advisory Group.

They want people with Down Syndrome to tell them what should be in the government Act.



It was being led by the Cornwall Down's Syndrome Support Group.

The first meeting is on:

1<sup>st</sup> March at 1pm at Camborne Rugby Club.



Wayne Williams said that it is very important for people to get the right support.

Boards like this one are very important. They make sure that people are heard

THE

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Centre

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Dina Holder told the Board about the work of **The Women's Centre Cornwall** and **The Divas**.

They are training lots of organisations across Cornwall and Devon.



**The Divas** are often sharing the lead and the feedback is very positive.

Domestic abuse or violence affects many people with learning disabilities and autistic people.

The Divas are teaching staff about the needs of those people.



**The Women's Centre** and **Cornwall People First** will be working together in 2024.

The work will be about healthy relationships for both men and women.



Anthony Dunn said that there are lots of self-advocates on the Board that know how to deliver training.

The Board needs to make use of these experts.



Anthony also told everyone that it is very important to have your Annual Health Check.



Julie Pape said The CHAMPs had worked with the Screening Liaison Nurses.

The screening liaison nurses support people with learning disabilities to be checked for illnesses.

They have made a song together to get more people screened.

It is a cover of Beat It by Michael Jackson.





Fliss Hedge from Cornwall People First has been working with Cornwall Council.

They have talked to people with learning disabilities about housing and support.

[To see an easy read presentation click here.](#)



Fliss said that the Practice Partners Project is going well too.

They had started Access All Areas groups.

Amanda Wilton is on the Derriford Hospital Patient Council.

Recent work found out that the hospital needs to do more to let patients and carers know about these things:

- Oliver McGowan training
- Hospital Communication boxes
- The Hospital Passport app

Good news is that most rooms have quiet areas and accessible toilets and showers.





Amanda Wilton said that 290 staff at Derriford will have Oliver McGowan training from March.

More training will happen in August.



Christopher Burns got in touch with Healthwatch Cornwall about the Job Centre and the DWP.

He is worried about poverty and people not getting support to get a job.

His words and artwork made it all the way up to the Government.

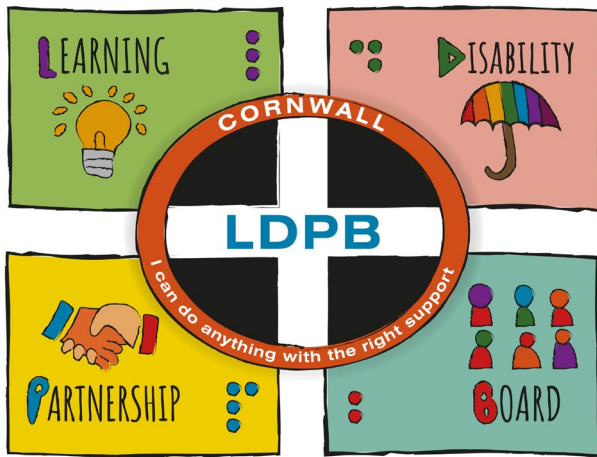
But the letter they sent back was too long and full of jargon.

The Board agreed that the DWP Working Group needed to start up again.

Mike and Robert will do that.



# Partnership Board – Planning for the year ahead



The Partnership Boards team have been working with the Citizen Checkers and Cornwall Partners in Policymaking.

They want it to be led by people with learning disabilities.

You need to be able to tell us what we need to hear about your lives.



Self-advocates have told us how the meeting should be run.

We have listened. The next meeting will be set up how you want it to be.

You will tell us what we should talk about over the next year.



Service providers all agreed to help as many people to join as possible.

Let's make the Partnership Board a fun place to be.

And let's get things done.

# Next meeting:



**St Erme Community Centre**