30 October
2019

Where we say **LD**, this stands for **Learning Disabilities**

Welcome and Introductions

The co-chairs, **Maggie** and **Jackie** welcomed everyone to the meeting

Maggie is the Interim Director of Adult social care at Camden Council

Jackie is an Expert by Experience from **Synergy**, part of **CDA**, Camden Disability Action

Actions and updates from the last meeting

Advocacy working group

No one has contacted Brendan or Sarah to join the advocacy working group so far

Brendan will contact people over the next few weeks to see what can be done

5PS accessibility

★Action (ongoing)

Councillor Pearson to talk about 5PS accessibility at the next Disability Oversight Panel - to be discussed later by Catherine

★Action (ongoing)

The Community Inclusion Project was discussed at the last Planning Together meeting

If you need information on the groups and activities in Camden, contact **Carly**

carly@camdendisabilityaction.org.uk

CLDS update

CLDS Healthfest went very well

We are making changes to our duty system

Carys Hunt has joined the nursing team and will work mainly at Alexandra Centre

Lucy Charles (OT) and **Rene Relph** (SLT) have also returned

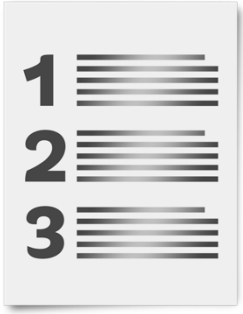
Mohamed Duale has joined the team as an intern

Victoria Grimwood is the new team manager

A carers group has started - speak to **Liz Greenaway** for more information

LeDeR – mortality review
Lynette Kennedy (CLDS)

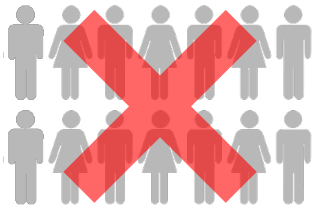
LeDeR was set up to look at the deaths of people with LD and a report was published in **May 2019**



The report found that there were 3 main causes of death

- breathing problems
- blood and heart disease
- sepsis

More people with LD die in hospital than we would expect



Camden were involved in the early stages of this report and during that time **14** people with LD died

2 were under the age of 18 and the rest were over 18

People have also died of constipation

CLDS has produced a z-card called
Dying for a Poo

There is also a z-card called
Getting it off your Chest about dysphagia
These will help parents, carers and staff spot signs and symptoms sooner

Parents/carers have shared their experiences of supporting people in an out of hospital

They said there were lots of issues around communication for CLDS and worries around going into hospital

The group want to speak to parents/carers and clients and it was suggested that a workshop or another meeting could be arranged to do this

★Action

Workshop to be organised – **Lynette** will talk with Brendan about this

Group discussion to be added to agenda for next Planning Together meeting

First Contact project update

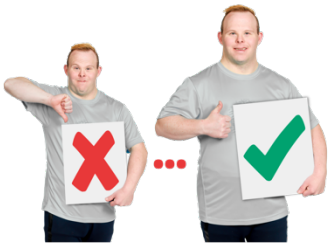
Catherine Schreiber (CLDS)

Service users told us that

- they find the reception at 5PS unfriendly

- it's hard to get through to staff on the phone

- it's hard speaking to different workers all the time



The First Contact project was set up to improve the experience of people and their families when they make contact with CLDS

A working group has been set up for clients, their parents, carers and providers to look at what changes are needed

A new meet and greet service will be trialled at 5PS to help people when they come to 5PS and our intern Mohammed will be part of this

This will be discussed at the **Disability Oversight Panel** to get their views on how we can improve people's experience

Financial assessment update

Chantale Burris (Supporting People)

★Action

Let David know if you want to see a draft of the new financial assessment form david.kinloch@camden.gov.uk

David could not come to today's meeting and **Chantale** came instead

Following feedback from people, they have redesigned the financial assessment form and updated the fact sheet

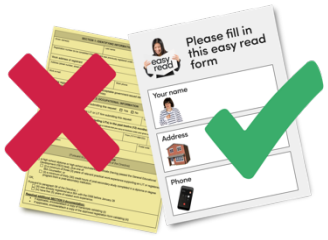
Meetings were held with the Family Members Reference Group and these changes were made

- a new layout for the form
- a new checklist for prompting
- a disability related expenses reference guide

The new form should be ready by **January** and they can send it round for feedback once completed

If people need help to complete the form, they can have a home visit or telephone support

There is a paper version which can be downloaded from the website and they want to create an online version which would be sent straight to the team



There was some discussion about the need for an easy read version and they agreed to look into this

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David/Chantale to send round form for feedback once it's finished

Case Studies

The importance of specialist in-work support for people with LD

Adriana and Lucy from GLL/Better

Lucy is a service user who works as a Youth Worker in the community twice a week and also does cooking sessions

She started as a member of the gym then began volunteering

She is based at Talacre, Swiss Cottage and Somerstown

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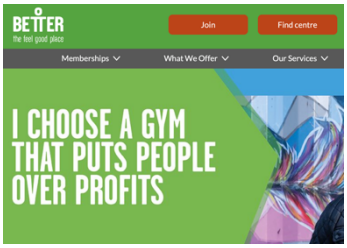
Better are always looking for coaches, please see their website for more information



People can also apply with their **CV** in person

They agreed that the website can be quite hard to use - they are looking at how this could be made easier

It was suggested that they could ask other organisations to advertise new jobs on their websites to raise awareness

It was suggested that they tweet the job adverts to Camden Disability Action

Employment Outreach

Synergy feedback

Synergy spoke to people with LD to find out what difficulties they had finding and staying in work

They found that people with LD have lots of ideas about what they would like to do for work, but more needs to be done to create different job opportunities for people with LD

Synergy's presentation is on the Planning Together website

Carers on employment in Camden

Diane Pearson and Vicki Eves

Carers shared their experiences of caring for people who are in employment

The carers' presentation is on the Planning Together website

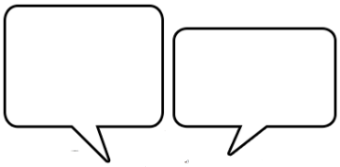
During the presentation someone fedback that Access to Work have withdrawn their 3rd party consent. This means that another person cannot speak on behalf of a person with LD to the DWP.

Developing a new employment offer

Elizabeth Lloyd and Tom Baines

Elizabeth and Tom spoke about the work they are doing to create new employment opportunities for people with LD

Their presentation is on the Planning Together website



Group discussion

What a **pathway to employment** should look like for

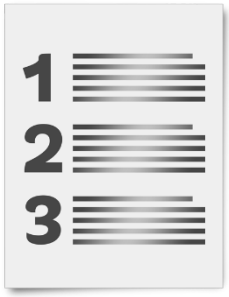
- people aged 16-25 entering work for the first time

- people aged 25+ looking for work

Notes from the discussion are on the Planning Together website

News from Alexandra Centre

No-one able to attend today – we will invite them to another meeting



Anything else (AOB)

Philippa Russell is leaving Camden Carers and Centre 404 after 3 years and 4 months

Philippa will be moving on to Islington HealthWatch

We'll be very sad to lose her and wish her well in her new role

Liberty Protection Safeguards (LPS) project update

Tony Anyaegbu (LPS project lead/DoLS Manager) and Fay Wiles (LPS project manager)

In **October 2020**, there will be a new scheme called **Liberty Protection Safeguards** (LPS) which will replace DoLS

DoLS is a law to protect the human rights of adults who are unable (lack capacity) to decide where to live and what care they receive

DoLS looks at what is in the person's best interest and makes sure that any decision made has the least impact on their freedom

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DoLS can only be applied from age **18**, to those in nursing homes, residential care and hospital

LPS can be applied from age **16**, to people in

- care homes or residential care

- their own homes

- day centres or colleges

- supported living or sheltered housing

- hospital

The team responsible for your care will carry out these safeguards and make sure they are in place

NHS
Camden
Clinical Commissioning Group

For example, if your care is provided by the Camden Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) they will no longer be able to ask the Council to carry out the assessment, they will need to do it themselves

If in hospital, the relevant NHS trust would be responsible

At the moment, when a referral is made to the DoLS team, a Best Interests Assessor (**BIA**) and a doctor will do assessments of the person

Under LPS, the Social Worker (not the BIA) would be expected to consider the deprivation of liberty as part of their care planning assessment

Staff would be offered training to be able to have the confidence to have this conversation with service users and families

★Action

It was felt that this was a change that was hard to understand

We will invite the DoLs team to a future meeting

Blue badge guidance

People with invisible disabilities can now apply for a blue badge

Blue badge guidance notes are on the Planning Together website

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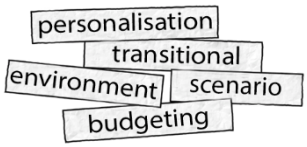
Sal to invite a representative to a future meeting



A lot of **jargon** words were used today!

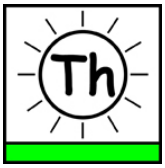
Agenda for next meeting

- Housing

- Advocacy

- Planning Together working groups

Next Planning Together meeting



on **Thursday 6 February 2020**

at **10am**

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