

Provider Forum
Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 14 February 2023 via Teams

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Item No	Item	Action
1.	<p>Welcome and Introduction</p> <p>Apologies: Julie Adams, Suzie Dooley, Nicky Eacott, Sally Clarke, Lisa Leah</p>	
2.	<p>Introduction to new Safeguarding lead</p> <p>John Binding (JB) is SBC’s new Safeguarding lead.</p> <p>Update on Liberty Protection Safeguards (LPS)</p> <p>No definitive date yet for the rollout of LPS. Safeguarding will be a standing agenda item at the provider forum to ensure LPS is addressed and providers are ready as will have a big impact on how services are delivered.</p> <p>Sponsorship licences:</p> <p>Recognise this is becoming an increasing issue both nationally and locally and that we need to see what support is available for providers. Sally Kitson and John Binding to liaise with Home Office to see if a rep could join this meeting to discuss further.</p> <p>CQC inspection:</p> <p>Local authorities are preparing for new regulatory inspections being introduced this year. Opportunity to review and ensure the right tools/pathways in place including around quality assurance work to ensure consistency. This will include handling queries as the new adult social care ‘front door’ is implemented.</p>	
3.	<p>Skills for care update</p> <p>Rachel Reid presented the update. Providers are encouraged to get in touch with Liz Bailey (berkshirewdf@outlook.com) regarding the Workforce development funding – The deadline to register is end of February.</p> <p>Registered managers network is available within Berkshire. Members determine the agenda and speakers. Next meeting is in Reading on 15th March. Contact Rachel Reid (Rachel.Reid@skillsforcare.org.uk) to join.</p> <p>Providers are encouraged to have a look at the Better Hiring toolkit</p> <p>Check the Skills for Care webpage on international recruitment.</p>	

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4.	<p>Data Security Protection Toolkit</p> <p>Due to technical issues Lisa Leah was unable to join. Slides below for providers to read – Lisa’s contact details are within the PowerPoint. Please note there is free training available up until 31st March.</p>	
5.	<p>Workforce support for Health and Social Care sector</p> <p>Joanna Birrell gave a brief update about opportunities for employers to shape skills and future workforce in Berkshire and Oxfordshire with the Local Skills Improvement Plan (LSIP), led by the Thames Valley Chamber of Commerce (TVCC) and funded by the Department for Education (DfE).</p> <p>Local Skills Improvement Plans provide local employers with a platform to explain what the issues are that prevent them from finding people with the right knowledge, skills and behaviours and developing their own staff to improve productivity.</p> <p>Health and social care workforce have been identified as an area of challenge and Joanna is keen to seek views of employers to help shape future training.</p> <p>The Berkshire Local Health Partnership – Get your voice heard survey was launched yesterday with regards to shaping future workforce– it should only take 5/10 mins – it would be helpful for providers to complete this and share it:</p> <p>Chrystelle Hatch (CH) and Joanna Birrell (JB) to set up a roundtable for providers to discuss in more detail. Meeting to be scheduled for a few weeks’ time.</p>	CH/JB
6.	<p>AOB/Questions from providers</p> <p><u>Suggested items for next forum on 30/05:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sharing best practices – Site QA service reviews have now resumed and we thought it may be helpful to share best practice models gathered from other providers. If providers are interested and would like to share /present ideas, please let us know via ASC.Commissioning@slough.gov.uk - Front door model – Andre Ansah, Group Manager from ASC Operation will join the next meeting to give an update on the new model - Sponsorship scheme – TBC - Update on support available from learning disability nurse at Wexham Park –TBC <p><u>ASC provider webpage</u></p> <p>A webpage has been set up as a place for providers to easily access all newsletters and provider forum minutes, it will also include other pertinent documents including the Market Position statement which is in development.</p>	

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	<p>The page has only just been created and will be updated fully in due course: Adult Social Care providers – Slough Borough Council</p> <p><u>Norovirus</u></p> <p>Vanessa Seeboruth from Frimley noted that norovirus cases are quite high. Get in touch with the IPC team for any advice frimleyccg.ipcteam@nhs.net. Flu and Covid cases are also quite high now.</p>	
7.	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>Tuesday 30 May 14.00-16.00</p>	